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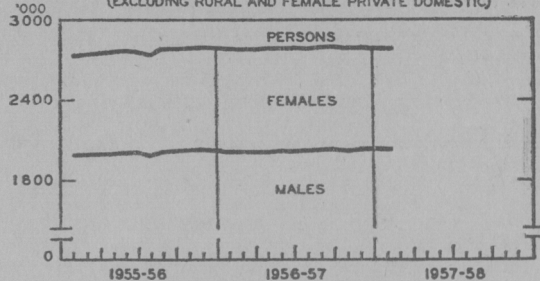
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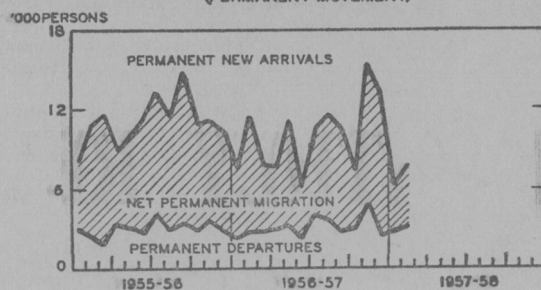
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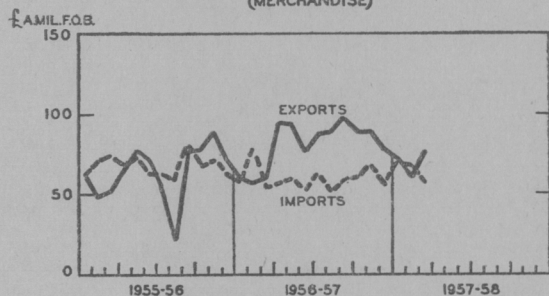
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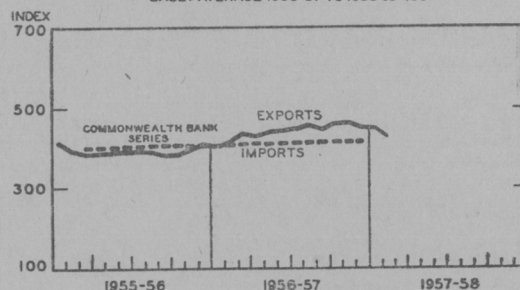
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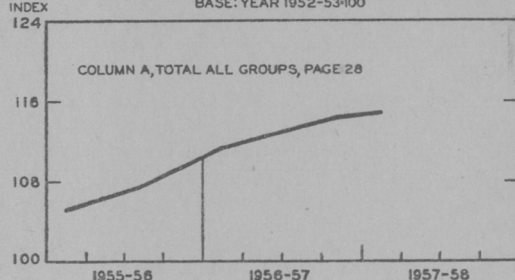
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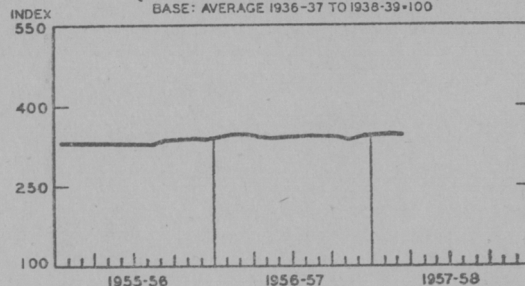
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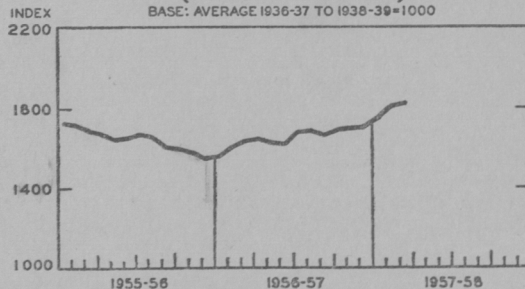
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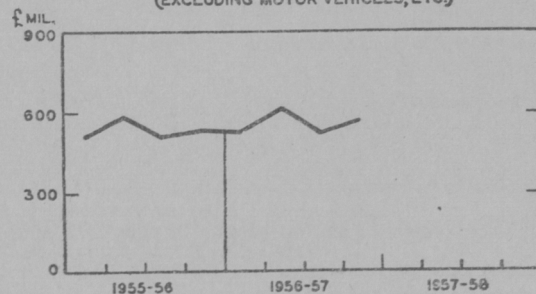
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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

| Period.                 | Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestic).<br>—End of Month (a). |          |          | Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b)<br>Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000). | Internal Trade. |            | Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment). |          | Building Permits(e)<br>Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses Commenced.(f) |
|-------------------------|---|----------|----------|---|-----------------|------------|--|----------|--|--------------------------|
|                         | Males.  | Females. | Total.   |   | Wholesale.(c)   | Retail.(d) | Imports.   | Exports. |  |                          |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> | '000.   | '000.    | '000.    |   | £m.             | £m.        | £m.  | £m.      | £'000.   | No.                      |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | n.a.  | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.  | 37.2            | n.a.       | 8.6  | 12.3     | 1,986  | n.a.                     |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | n.a.  | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.  | 40.5            | n.a.       | 10.6   | 11.7     | 2,307  | n.a.                     |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | (g)1,293  | (g)437   | (g)1,730 | n.a.  | 39.8            | n.a.       | 9.4  | 10.1     | 2,353  | n.a.                     |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 1,882   | 707      | 2,589    | 1,742   | 140.5           | 342.7      | 61.8   | 81.6     | 10,426   | (h)20,686                |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 1,915   | 709      | 2,624    | 2,145   | 162.1           | 404.0      | 87.5   | 55.4     | 9,700  | 20,001                   |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 1,876   | 670      | 2,546    | 2,350   | 158.1           | 425.8      | 42.5   | 70.7     | 10,045   | 16,115                   |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 1,914   | 695      | 2,609    | 2,462   | 179.5           | 460.2      | 56.5   | 67.7     | 12,356   | 18,811                   |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 1,971   | 727      | 2,698    | 2,572   | 205.5           | 503.6      | 70.1   | 63.2     | 17,920   | 18,870                   |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 2,012   | 753      | 2,765    | 2,743   | 221.3           | 541.1      | 68.2   | 64.2     | 18,892   | 17,725                   |
| 1956-57 .. ..           | 2,023   | 762      | 2,785    | 2,899   |                 | 560.3      | 59.7   | 81.3     | 17,440   | 16,831                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |   |          |          |   |                 |            |  |          |  |                          |
| 1955-56—                |   |          |          |   |                 |            |  |          |  |                          |
| October .. ..           | 2,002   | 748      | 2,750    | 2,731   | 224.7           | 596.3      | 68.1   | 65.6     | 18,197   | 17,970                   |
| November .. ..          | 2,012   | 756      | 2,768    |   | 243.5           |            | 73.4   | 77.9     | 19,708   |                          |
| December .. ..          | 2,013   | 758      | 2,771    |   | 222.2           |            | 63.2   | 72.4     | 16,230   |                          |
| January .. ..           | (i)1,991  | 752      | (i)2,743 | 2,749   | 178.8           | 513.4      | (i)63.4  | (i)55.4  | 14,653   | 17,139                   |
| February .. ..          | 2,019   | 759      | 2,778    |   | 208.1           |            | (i)59.1  | (i)20.0  | 18,736   |                          |
| March .. ..             | 2,020   | 762      | 2,782    |   | 234.1           |            | (i)80.5  | (i)77.5  | 20,327   |                          |
| April .. ..             | 2,026   | 760      | 2,786    | 2,801   | 217.8           | 540.9      | 68.0   | (i)78.0  | 17,755   | 16,298                   |
| May .. ..               | 2,028   | 761      | 2,789    |   | 235.4           |            | 71.6   | (i)89.9  | 22,286   |                          |
| June .. ..              | 2,026   | 759      | 2,785    |   | 223.7           |            | 63.4   | (i)72.9  | 18,133   |                          |
| 1956-57—                |   |          |          |   |                 |            |  |          |  |                          |
| July .. ..              | 2,022   | 758      | 2,780    | 2,863   | 210.3           | r532.7     | p57.3  | p60.9    | 18,873   | 16,589                   |
| August .. ..            | 2,020   | 756      | 2,776    |   | 237.6           |            | 78.8   | 57.3     | 18,047   |                          |
| September .. ..         | 2,020   | 757      | 2,777    |   | 229.5           |            | 53.7   | 60.1     | 15,736   |                          |
| October .. ..           | 2,018   | 759      | 2,777    | 2,903   | 254.7           | r618.1     | 57.1   | 95.3     | 19,351   | 16,608                   |
| November .. ..          | 2,027   | 765      | 2,792    |   | 259.9           |            | 59.7   | 93.6     | 18,264   |                          |
| December .. ..          | 2,022   | 764      | 2,786    |   | 235.2           |            | 52.1   | 76.0     | 12,093   |                          |
| January .. ..           | 2,018   | 759      | 2,777    | 2,910   | 209.2           | 531.0      | 62.6   | 87.7     | 15,400   | 16,693                   |
| February .. ..          | 2,026   | 767      | 2,793    |   | 224.9           |            | 51.1   | 89.3     | 16,433   |                          |
| March .. ..             | 2,029   | 769      | 2,798    |   | 233.4           |            | 58.6   | 97.9     | 18,082   |                          |
| April .. ..             | 2,022   | 765      | 2,787    | 2,921   | 227.8           | 559.3      | 60.9   | 87.9     | 16,263   | 17,435                   |
| May .. ..               | 2,026   | 765      | 2,791    |   | r252.9          |            | 69.1   | 90.7     | 21,340   |                          |
| June .. ..              | 2,027   | 762      | 2,789    |   | r222.6          |            | 55.9   | 78.2     | 19,393   |                          |
| 1957-58—                |   |          |          |   |                 |            |  |          |  |                          |
| July .. ..              | 2,022   | 762      | 2,784    |   | p234.6          |            | 70.6   | r71.2    | 19,997   | p18,120                  |
| August .. ..            | 2,018   | 763      | 2,781    |   |                 |            | 67.9   | 60.0     | 21,330   |                          |
| September .. ..         |   |          |          |   |                 |            | 56.9   | 77.1     |  |                          |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1950-51 subject to revision.  
 (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes Northern Territory. (g) July, 1939; obtained from National Register. (h) Partly estimated. (i) Affected by industrial disputes

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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period.               | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered (a)<br>(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). |                           | Government Railways : Gross Revenue. | P.M.C.'s Department Cash Receipts. | Private Trading Banks.<br>(b) |           | Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---|
|                       |                           |                              |                            | Motor Cars.  | Commercial Vehicles, etc. |                                      |                                    | Deposits.                     | Advances. |   |
| Monthly Average—      | '000 tons.                | Million kWh                  | '000 tons.                 | '000.  | '000.                     | £'000.                               | £'000.                             | £m.                           | £m.       | £m.   |
| 1936-37 ..            | 977                       | 331                          | 90.0                       | 4.0  | 2.0                       | 3,517                                | 1,318                              | 297.6                         | 262.5     | n.a.  |
| 1937-38 ..            | 990                       | 363                          | 97.2                       | 4.6  | 2.3                       | 3,705                                | 1,396                              | 314.8                         | 274.4     | n.a.  |
| 1938-39 ..            | 1,051                     | 391                          | 97.5                       | 4.5  | 2.1                       | 3,662                                | 1,447                              | 317.7                         | 288.1     | n.a.  |
| 1949-50 ..            | 1,243                     | 792                          | 101.5                      | 9.6  | 4.8                       | 7,683                                | 3,196                              | 910.1                         | 403.9     | 271.1   |
| 1950-51 ..            | 1,368                     | 875                          | 120.3                      | 10.7   | 6.5                       | 8,804                                | 3,732                              | 1,144.2                       | 479.3     | 372.9   |
| 1951-52 ..            | 1,598                     | 941                          | 126.8                      | 10.5   | 6.1                       | 11,626                               | 4,948                              | 1,201.7                       | 621.4     | 402.4   |
| 1952-53 ..            | 1,545                     | 1,004                        | 150.1                      | 7.8  | 4.3                       | 12,903                               | 5,367                              | 1,162.4                       | 638.1     | 389.3   |
| 1953-54 ..            | 1,619                     | 1,142                        | 176.4                      | 10.5   | 4.8                       | 14,155                               | 5,650                              | 1,275.5                       | 658.5     | 446.5   |
| 1954-55 ..            | 1,613                     | 1,264                        | 184.1                      | 13.9   | 5.6                       | 14,498                               | 6,069                              | 1,310.7                       | 776.8     | 491.6   |
| 1955-56 ..            | p1,586                    | p1,399                       | p194.9                     | 13.6   | 5.8                       | 14,765                               | 6,612                              | 1,295.4                       | 804.4     | 521.4   |
| 1956-57 ..            | p1,638                    | p1,531                       | p237.8                     | 12.5   | 4.9                       |                                      | 7,519                              | 1,328.0                       | 762.6     | 562.7   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b> |                           |                              |                            |  |                           |                                      |                                    |                               |           |   |
| 1955-56—              | p                         | p                            | p                          |  | (c)                       |                                      |                                    |                               |           |   |
| September             | 1,801                     | 1,376                        | 189.1                      | 16.0   | 6.6                       | 15,490                               | 6,493                              | 1,257.7                       | 823.1     | 493.3   |
| October ..            | 1,681                     | 1,369                        | 194.2                      | 15.0   | 6.6                       | 15,236                               | 6,766                              | 1,277.1                       | 831.4     | 519.2   |
| November              | 1,737                     | 1,358                        | 192.2                      | 14.9   | 6.0                       | 15,512                               | 6,437                              | 1,295.8                       | 823.3     | 551.4   |
| December              | 1,346                     | 1,300                        | 192.7                      | 14.4   | 5.9                       | 14,254                               | 7,142                              | 1,321.5                       | 814.5     | 563.1   |
| January               | 843                       | 1,263                        | 197.5                      | 9.9  | 4.6                       | 13,552                               | 6,097                              | 1,331.8                       | 784.2     | 489.8   |
| February              | 1,447                     | 1,299                        | 192.7                      | 12.3   | 5.3                       | 13,521                               | 6,285                              | 1,331.9                       | 773.7     | 501.5   |
| March ..              | 1,479                     | 1,389                        | 202.3                      | 14.2   | 5.6                       | 14,790                               | 6,802                              | 1,334.4                       | 776.2     | 526.9   |
| April ..              | 1,547                     | 1,356                        | 187.6                      | 11.0   | 5.0                       | 14,151                               | 6,117                              | 1,321.5                       | 786.8     | 522.4   |
| May ..                | 1,774                     | 1,545                        | 218.2                      | 12.2   | 6.2                       | 15,547                               | 7,352                              | 1,277.8                       | 798.4     | 561.4   |
| June ..               | 1,691                     | 1,565                        | 217.0                      | 11.7   | 5.3                       | 15,541                               | 7,422                              | 1,260.4                       | 793.9     | 525.3   |
| 1956-57—              |                           |                              |                            |  |                           |                                      |                                    |                               |           |   |
| July ..               | 1,852                     | 1,655                        | 230.3                      | 11.8   | 5.4                       | 15,227                               | 6,743                              | 1,243.4                       | 797.7     | 541.7   |
| August ..             | 1,930                     | 1,652                        | 206.6                      | 13.7   | 5.2                       | 16,806                               | 6,716                              | 1,234.4                       | 787.0     | 482.1   |
| September             | 1,703                     | 1,500                        | 228.6                      | 11.5   | 4.5                       | 16,094                               | 6,455                              | 1,248.5                       | 778.5     | 526.1   |
| October ..            | 1,909                     | 1,538                        | 226.5                      | 13.4   | 5.5                       | 17,497                               | 8,110                              | 1,281.5                       | 780.2     | 562.2   |
| November              | 1,844                     | 1,486                        | 247.7                      | 14.1   | 5.6                       | 16,712                               | 7,225                              | 1,311.4                       | 771.2     | 571.2   |
| December              | 1,275                     | 1,394                        | 247.0                      | 12.0   | 4.4                       | 14,552                               | 7,611                              | 1,340.6                       | 762.2     | 589.6   |
| January ..            | 1,085                     | 1,410                        | 260.4                      | 10.9   | 3.9                       | 15,027                               | 7,073                              | 1,362.5                       | 744.9     | 531.0   |
| February              | 1,623                     | 1,388                        | 237.5                      | 12.0   | 3.3                       | 14,585                               | 7,312                              | 1,390.9                       | 732.5     | 590.7   |
| March ..              | 1,608                     | 1,543                        | 254.5                      | 12.1   | 5.3                       | 15,347                               | 8,020                              | 1,416.3                       | 725.5     | 597.1   |
| April ..              | 1,516                     | 1,502                        | 246.9                      | 11.3   | 4.7                       | 15,220                               | 7,539                              | 1,395.0                       | 743.5     | 593.9   |
| May ..                | 1,726                     | 1,693                        | 250.5                      | 14.6   | 5.8                       | 16,569                               | 8,457                              | 1,368.7                       | 757.3     | 597.2   |
| June ..               | 1,579                     | 1,616                        | 246.8                      | 12.3   | 5.3                       |                                      | 8,962                              | 1,362.1                       | 766.2     | 588.8   |
| 1957-58—              |                           |                              |                            |  |                           |                                      |                                    |                               |           |   |
| July ..               | 1,914                     | 1,817                        | 264.2                      | 13.0   | 5.3                       |                                      | 7,423                              | 1,349.6                       | 770.5     | 600.7   |
| August ..             | 1,840                     | 1,765                        | 271.7                      | p11.5  | p5.6                      |                                      | 7,532                              | 1,331.9                       | 762.0     | 527.5   |
| September             | 1,825                     |                              | 261.5                      | p13.4  | p5.7                      |                                      | 7,503                              | 1,342.2                       | 756.1     | 577.0   |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.  
 (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

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# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                   | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Oversea Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| 1947-48 .. ..             | 19,008     | 44,252  | 18,876  | 25,376               | 7,341                     | (d) 32,351         | 7,708,761                    |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | 18,498     | 44,149  | 19,041  | 25,108               | 25,287                    | (d) 49,826         | 7,908,066                    |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | 18,558     | 47,048  | 19,001  | 28,047               | 40,387                    | (d) 67,657         | 8,178,696                    |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | 19,211     | 48,114  | 19,896  | 28,218               | 33,244                    | (d) 60,770         | 8,421,775                    |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 18,896     | 49,228  | 20,661  | 28,567               | 25,720                    | (d) 53,671         | 8,636,458                    |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 17,870     | 50,739  | 20,023  | 30,716               | 14,516                    | (d) 44,726         | 8,815,362                    |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 17,827     | 50,400  | 20,390  | 30,010               | 13,263                    | (d) 42,792         | e 8,986,530                  |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 17,848     | 51,213  | 20,541  | 30,672               | 22,868                    | 53,540             | 9,200,691                    |
| 1955-56 .. ..             | 18,169     | 52,719  | 20,712  | 32,007               | 24,710                    | 56,717             | 9,427,558                    |
| 1956-57 .. ..             | 18,111     | 53,753  | 21,467  | 32,286               | 21,594                    | 53,880             | 9,643,079                    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| 1953-54—                  |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| June Qtr. ..              | 18,600     | 50,613  | 20,677  | 29,936               | 10,340                    | (d) 39,824         | e 8,986,530                  |
| 1954-55—                  |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September ..              | 15,097     | 50,772  | 24,670  | 26,102               | 16,809                    | 42,911             | 9,029,441                    |
| December ..               | 19,664     | 51,162  | 19,091  | 32,071               | 28,883                    | 60,954             | 9,090,395                    |
| March ..                  | 17,705     | 51,318  | 17,680  | 33,638               | 25,101                    | 58,739             | 9,149,134                    |
| June ..                   | 18,924     | 51,600  | 20,723  | 30,877               | 20,680                    | 51,557             | 9,200,691                    |
| 1955-56—                  |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September ..              | 15,449     | 53,714  | 24,209  | 29,505               | 25,853                    | 55,358             | 9,256,049                    |
| December ..               | 20,094     | 51,045  | 19,424  | 31,621               | 25,621                    | 57,242             | 9,313,291                    |
| March ..                  | 18,680     | 52,614  | 18,073  | 34,541               | 29,421                    | 63,962             | 9,377,253                    |
| June ..                   | 18,453     | 53,502  | 21,140  | 32,362               | 17,943                    | 50,305             | 9,427,558                    |
| 1956-57—                  |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September ..              | 15,328     | 53,698  | 26,511  | 27,187               | 24,446                    | 51,633             | 9,479,191                    |
| December ..               | 19,319     | 52,319  | 20,364  | 31,955               | 22,188                    | 54,143             | 9,533,334                    |
| March ..                  | 18,825     | 55,546  | 18,641  | 36,905               | 21,198                    | 58,103             | 9,591,437                    |
| June ..                   | 18,971     | 53,450  | 20,353  | 33,097               | 18,545                    | 51,642             | 9,643,079                    |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration.  
 (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results.  
 (e) Census 30th June.

## POPULATION : STATES.

| Date.             | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>30th June—</b> |                  |           |              |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1948 ..           | 3,015,763        | 2,092,320 | 1,131,200    | 661,153          | 515,074            | 261,206   | 12,254              | 19,791                        | 7,708,761  |
| 1949 ..           | 3,092,621        | 2,142,986 | 1,159,124    | 679,305          | 532,191            | 267,062   | 13,391              | 21,386                        | 7,908,066  |
| 1950 ..           | 3,193,372        | 2,208,078 | 1,196,185    | 709,547          | 557,096            | 275,902   | 14,692              | 23,824                        | 8,178,696  |
| 1951 ..           | 3,278,032        | 2,276,575 | 1,227,701    | 732,430          | 580,343            | 286,193   | 15,609              | 24,892                        | 8,421,775  |
| 1952 ..           | 3,339,455        | 2,344,491 | 1,259,478    | 755,053          | 599,858            | 296,299   | 15,464              | 26,360                        | 8,636,458  |
| 1953 ..           | 3,383,792        | 2,395,254 | 1,291,410    | 775,781          | 620,547            | 304,080   | 15,853              | 28,645                        | 8,815,362  |
| 1954 (a) ..       | 3,423,529        | 2,452,341 | 1,318,259    | 797,094          | 639,771            | 308,752   | 16,469              | 30,315                        | 8,986,530  |
| 1955 ..           | 3,490,331        | 2,523,018 | 1,344,572    | 819,549          | 658,538            | 314,679   | 17,580              | b 32,424                      | 9,200,691  |
| 1956 ..           | 3,553,432        | 2,605,088 | 1,370,697    | 848,526          | 677,389            | 319,648   | 18,297              | b 34,481                      | 9,427,558  |
| 1957 ..           | 3,622,906        | 2,673,498 | 1,396,740    | 873,123          | 691,882            | 327,895   | 19,170              | c 37,865                      | 9,643,079  |

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows :—  
 1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra.

# OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent movement relates to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary movement relates to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period.                 | Temporary Movement.   |            |                        |            | Permanent Movement. |                                 |                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
|                         | Australian Residents. |            | Visitors from Overseas |            | Arrivals.           | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals. |
|                         | Arriving.             | Departing. | Arriving.              | Departing. |                     |                                 |                     |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                       |            |                        |            |                     |                                 |                     |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 2,238                 | 1,981      | 1,729                  | 1,897      | 3,881               | 1,523                           | 2,358               |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,007                 | 1,898      | 2,829                  | 2,566      | 9,568               | 1,511                           | 8,057               |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,336                 | 2,500      | 3,470                  | 3,644      | 15,407              | 1,608                           | 13,799              |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,812                 | 2,617      | 3,594                  | 3,753      | 12,774              | 1,729                           | 11,045              |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 3,251                 | 3,233      | 3,895                  | 4,085      | 10,872              | 2,126                           | 8,746               |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 3,351                 | 3,427      | 3,838                  | 4,198      | 7,991               | 2,717                           | 5,274               |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 3,648                 | 3,556      | 3,953                  | 3,906      | 7,206               | 2,924                           | 4,282               |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 4,107                 | 4,013      | 4,277                  | 4,220      | 10,348              | 2,877                           | 7,471               |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 4,719                 | 4,469      | 4,608                  | 4,515      | 11,052              | 3,159                           | 7,893               |
| 1956-57 .. ..           | 4,604                 | 4,162      | 5,532                  | 5,617      | 10,050              | 3,209                           | 6,841               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                       |            |                        |            |                     |                                 |                     |
| 1955-56—                |                       |            |                        |            |                     |                                 |                     |
| September .. ..         | 4,781                 | 2,714      | 4,021                  | 3,847      | 11,675              | 1,989                           | 9,686               |
| October .. ..           | 6,313                 | 4,558      | 5,078                  | 4,501      | 8,868               | 3,451                           | 5,417               |
| November .. ..          | 5,735                 | 3,530      | 4,611                  | 4,876      | 10,083              | 3,224                           | 6,859               |
| December .. ..          | 5,158                 | 5,376      | 5,618                  | 4,755      | 11,221              | 2,793                           | 8,428               |
| January .. ..           | 6,201                 | 4,828      | 5,703                  | 5,468      | 13,328              | 4,227                           | 9,101               |
| February .. ..          | 4,549                 | 4,936      | 5,294                  | 4,826      | 11,436              | 3,004                           | 8,432               |
| March .. ..             | 4,942                 | 6,316      | 5,430                  | 5,109      | 14,843              | 3,591                           | 11,252              |
| April .. ..             | 4,431                 | 5,500      | 4,252                  | 4,863      | 10,913              | 2,983                           | 7,930               |
| May .. ..               | 3,937                 | 6,315      | 4,771                  | 4,923      | 11,057              | 3,844                           | 7,213               |
| June .. ..              | 3,687                 | 3,559      | 3,405                  | 3,929      | 10,393              | 2,987                           | 7,406               |
| 1956-57—                |                       |            |                        |            |                     |                                 |                     |
| July .. ..              | 2,964                 | 2,909      | 3,444                  | 3,371      | 7,551               | 2,425                           | 5,126               |
| August .. ..            | 4,899                 | 3,167      | 4,068                  | 4,000      | 11,353              | 2,858                           | 8,495               |
| September .. ..         | 5,634                 | 2,568      | 4,516                  | 3,703      | 7,917               | 2,899                           | 5,018               |
| October .. ..           | 5,291                 | 2,761      | 5,246                  | 4,535      | 7,749               | 3,098                           | 4,651               |
| November .. ..          | 5,540                 | 4,462      | 14,286                 | 6,080      | 11,063              | 3,372                           | 7,691               |
| December .. ..          | 5,533                 | 4,079      | 5,603                  | 13,526     | 6,219               | 2,429                           | 3,790               |
| January .. ..           | 5,347                 | 4,437      | 5,333                  | 6,432      | 10,731              | 4,143                           | 6,588               |
| February .. ..          | 4,787                 | 5,010      | 5,557                  | 5,639      | 11,577              | 3,740                           | 7,837               |
| March .. ..             | 4,203                 | 5,007      | 5,674                  | 5,315      | 10,601              | 2,889                           | 7,712               |
| April .. ..             | 3,853                 | 6,206      | 4,311                  | 5,443      | 7,409               | 3,192                           | 4,217               |
| May .. ..               | 3,870                 | 5,792      | 4,530                  | 5,626      | 15,378              | 4,881                           | 10,497              |
| June .. ..              | 3,331                 | 3,545      | 3,815                  | 3,738      | 13,053              | 2,582                           | 10,471              |
| 1957-58—                |                       |            |                        |            |                     |                                 |                     |
| July .. ..              | 3,901                 | 3,531      | 3,728                  | 3,949      | 6,310               | 3,040                           | 3,270               |
| August .. ..            | 4,424                 | 3,531      | 4,423                  | 4,118      | 7,811               | 3,333                           | 4,478               |

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

| Month.       | Total Civilian Employment.<br>(Excluding Rural and Female<br>Private Domestic.) |                       |         | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. |                        |   |   |                  |   |  |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|---------|---|------------------------|---|---|------------------|---|--|
|              | Governmental<br>Authorities.<br>(b)   | Private<br>Employers. | Total.  | Mining<br>and<br>Quarry-<br>ing.            | Fac-<br>tories.<br>(c) | Build-<br>ing and<br>Con-<br>struction. | Transport<br>and<br>Communi-<br>cation. | Retail<br>Trade. | Other<br>Com-<br>merce<br>and<br>Finance. | Pro-<br>fessional<br>and<br>Personal<br>Services.<br>(d) |
| MALES.       |   |                       |         |   |                        |   |   |                  |   |  |
| 1939—July .. | 349.8   | 943.3                 | 1,293.1 | 52.2  | 391.5                  | 149.7                                   | 185.9                                   | 259.7            |   | 133.6  |
| 1955—June .. | 599.1   | 1,401.4               | 2,000.5 | 58.3  | 714.5                  | 211.8                                   | 308.7                                   | 129.2            | 207.1                                     | 182.1  |
| 1956—June .. | 604.9   | 1,421.0               | 2,025.9 | 57.3  | 722.2                  | 214.6                                   | 310.4                                   | 129.9            | 212.7                                     | 187.2  |
| 1957—June .. | 609.6   | 1,416.9               | 2,026.5 | 56.3  | 722.3                  | 207.3                                   | 313.0                                   | 129.4            | 214.0                                     | 193.1  |
| 1956—May ..  | 603.6   | 1,424.5               | 2,028.1 | 57.1  | 723.1                  | 214.0                                   | 311.4                                   | 130.1            | 213.6                                     | 187.5  |
| June ..      | 604.9   | 1,421.0               | 2,025.9 | 57.3  | 722.2                  | 214.6                                   | 310.4                                   | 129.9            | 212.7                                     | 187.2  |
| July ..      | 605.7   | 1,416.2               | 2,021.9 | 57.2  | 719.9                  | 214.0                                   | 311.0                                   | 129.5            | 211.0                                     | 187.6  |
| August ..    | 605.7   | 1,414.3               | 2,020.0 | 57.5  | 718.2                  | 212.7                                   | 312.2                                   | 129.0            | 211.3                                     | 187.7  |
| 1957—May ..  | 609.2   | 1,417.1               | 2,026.3 | 56.5  | 721.6                  | 207.8                                   | 312.8                                   | 129.3            | 214.7                                     | 192.4  |
| June ..      | 609.6   | 1,416.9               | 2,026.5 | 56.3  | 722.3                  | 207.3                                   | 313.0                                   | 129.4            | 214.0                                     | 193.1  |
| July ..      | 609.7   | 1,412.6               | 2,022.3 | 56.1  | 721.0                  | 206.7                                   | 312.0                                   | 129.6            | 212.6                                     | 193.2  |
| August ..    | 608.2   | 1,410.0               | 2,018.2 | 55.1  | 719.9                  | 204.4                                   | 311.1                                   | 129.5            | 213.4                                     | 193.5  |
| FEMALES.     |   |                       |         |   |                        |   |   |                  |   |  |
| 1939—July .. | 55.2  | 381.9                 | 437.1   | 0.3   | 148.2                  | 1.2                                     | 12.6                                    | 114.9            |   | 129.0  |
| 1955—June .. | 122.8   | 615.7                 | 738.5   | 1.1   | 225.3                  | 4.9                                     | 38.4                                    | 121.6            | 83.1                                      | 228.1  |
| 1956—June .. | 129.8   | 629.1                 | 758.9   | 1.2   | 228.3                  | 5.1                                     | 40.1                                    | 122.9            | 88.1                                      | 236.5  |
| 1957—June .. | 132.9   | 629.6                 | 762.5   | 1.2   | 225.6                  | 5.3                                     | 40.1                                    | 121.3            | 90.3                                      | 241.9  |
| 1956—May ..  | 129.7   | 630.9                 | 760.6   | 1.2   | 228.8                  | 5.1                                     | 40.2                                    | 123.3            | 88.5                                      | 236.9  |
| June ..      | 129.8   | 629.1                 | 758.9   | 1.2   | 228.3                  | 5.1                                     | 40.1                                    | 122.9            | 88.1                                      | 236.5  |
| July ..      | 130.8   | 626.8                 | 757.6   | 1.2   | 226.7                  | 5.1                                     | 40.2                                    | 122.4            | 87.8                                      | 236.9  |
| August ..    | 130.6   | 625.7                 | 756.3   | 1.2   | 226.3                  | 5.1                                     | 40.1                                    | 121.0            | 87.9                                      | 237.4  |
| 1957—May ..  | 132.6   | 631.9                 | 764.5   | 1.2   | 226.6                  | 5.3                                     | 40.1                                    | 121.9            | 90.3                                      | 242.3  |
| June ..      | 132.9   | 629.6                 | 762.5   | 1.2   | 225.6                  | 5.3                                     | 40.1                                    | 121.3            | 90.3                                      | 241.9  |
| July ..      | 133.8   | 628.3                 | 762.1   | 1.2   | 224.8                  | 5.3                                     | 40.1                                    | 121.3            | 90.1                                      | 241.9  |
| August ..    | 133.7   | 628.7                 | 762.4   | 1.2   | 224.9                  | 5.3                                     | 40.0                                    | 121.0            | 90.1                                      | 242.4  |
| PERSONS.     |   |                       |         |   |                        |   |   |                  |   |  |
| 1939—July .. | 405.0   | 1,325.2               | 1,730.2 | 52.5  | 539.7                  | 150.9                                   | 198.5                                   | 374.6            |   | 262.6  |
| 1955—June .. | 721.9   | 2,017.1               | 2,739.0 | 59.4  | 939.8                  | 216.7                                   | 347.1                                   | 250.8            | 290.2                                     | 410.2  |
| 1956—June .. | 734.7   | 2,050.1               | 2,784.8 | 58.5  | 950.5                  | 219.7                                   | 350.5                                   | 252.8            | 300.8                                     | 423.7  |
| 1957—June .. | 742.5   | 2,046.5               | 2,789.0 | 57.5  | 947.9                  | 212.6                                   | 353.1                                   | 250.7            | 304.3                                     | 435.0  |
| 1956—May ..  | 733.3   | 2,055.4               | 2,788.7 | 58.3  | 951.9                  | 219.1                                   | 351.6                                   | 253.4            | 302.1                                     | 424.4  |
| June ..      | 734.7   | 2,050.1               | 2,784.8 | 58.5  | 950.5                  | 219.7                                   | 350.5                                   | 252.8            | 300.8                                     | 423.7  |
| July ..      | 736.5   | 2,043.0               | 2,779.5 | 58.4  | 946.6                  | 219.1                                   | 351.2                                   | 251.9            | 298.8                                     | 424.5  |
| August ..    | 736.3   | 2,040.0               | 2,776.3 | 58.7  | 944.5                  | 217.8                                   | 352.3                                   | 250.0            | 299.2                                     | 425.1  |
| 1957—May ..  | 741.8   | 2,049.0               | 2,790.8 | 57.7  | 948.2                  | 213.1                                   | 352.9                                   | 251.2            | 305.0                                     | 434.7  |
| June ..      | 742.5   | 2,046.5               | 2,789.0 | 57.5  | 947.9                  | 212.6                                   | 353.1                                   | 250.7            | 304.3                                     | 435.0  |
| July ..      | 743.5   | 2,040.9               | 2,784.4 | 57.3  | 945.8                  | 212.0                                   | 352.1                                   | 250.9            | 302.7                                     | 435.1  |
| August ..    | 741.9   | 2,038.7               | 2,780.6 | 56.3  | 944.8                  | 209.7                                   | 351.1                                   | 250.5            | 303.5                                     | 435.9  |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1954, subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).



# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

| Month.        | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES.        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..  | 529.9            | 357.5     | 172.8       | 106.7            | 82.9               | 37.4      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | 1,293.1    |
| 1955—June ..  | 779.2            | 556.7     | 272.0       | 178.7            | 136.4              | 64.0      | 4.8                 | 8.7                           | 2,000.5    |
| 1956—June ..  | 787.8            | 564.2     | 276.0       | 184.5            | 135.5              | 64.4      | 5.0                 | 8.5                           | 2,025.9    |
| 1957—June ..  | 789.5            | 565.1     | 275.8       | 182.9            | 133.6              | 65.2      | 5.5                 | 8.9                           | 2,026.5    |
| 1956—April .. | 787.8            | 565.0     | 273.2       | 184.4            | 136.9              | 64.7      | 4.9                 | 8.5                           | 2,025.4    |
| May ..        | 788.6            | 565.2     | 274.7       | 184.9            | 136.2              | 65.0      | 5.0                 | 8.5                           | 2,028.1    |
| June ..       | 787.8            | 564.2     | 276.0       | 184.5            | 135.5              | 64.4      | 5.0                 | 8.5                           | 2,025.9    |
| July ..       | 786.1            | 563.1     | 276.5       | 183.5            | 134.6              | 64.6      | 5.1                 | 8.4                           | 2,021.9    |
| August ..     | 786.6            | 561.3     | 277.0       | 182.5            | 134.7              | 64.4      | 5.1                 | 8.4                           | 2,020.0    |
| 1957—April .. | 788.3            | 564.3     | 271.5       | 183.1            | 134.6              | 66.1      | 5.5                 | 8.9                           | 2,022.3    |
| May ..        | 789.9            | 564.9     | 274.1       | 183.3            | 134.1              | 65.7      | 5.5                 | 8.8                           | 2,026.3    |
| June ..       | 789.5            | 565.1     | 275.8       | 182.9            | 133.6              | 65.2      | 5.5                 | 8.9                           | 2,026.5    |
| July ..       | 788.3            | 564.3     | 275.0       | 182.1            | 133.3              | 64.8      | 5.5                 | 9.0                           | 2,022.3    |
| August ..     | 785.9            | 563.5     | 274.1       | 182.2            | 133.4              | 64.5      | 5.5                 | 9.1                           | 2,018.2    |
| FEMALES.      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..  | 168.0            | 142.9     | 53.2        | 34.0             | 26.2               | 11.6      | 0.2                 | 1.0                           | 437.1      |
| 1955—June ..  | 292.5            | 227.0     | 89.3        | 60.2             | 43.9               | 21.7      | 1.0                 | 2.9                           | 738.5      |
| 1956—June ..  | 300.2            | 233.0     | 91.2        | 62.9             | 44.6               | 22.8      | 1.1                 | 3.1                           | 758.9      |
| 1957—June ..  | 302.2            | 233.5     | 92.8        | 62.8             | 44.2               | 22.6      | 1.2                 | 3.2                           | 762.5      |
| 1956—April .. | 300.4            | 233.8     | 90.6        | 63.6             | 44.8               | 23.0      | 1.1                 | 3.0                           | 760.3      |
| May ..        | 300.7            | 233.4     | 91.0        | 63.3             | 45.0               | 23.0      | 1.1                 | 3.1                           | 760.6      |
| June ..       | 300.2            | 233.0     | 91.2        | 62.9             | 44.6               | 22.8      | 1.1                 | 3.1                           | 758.9      |
| July ..       | 299.5            | 232.5     | 91.3        | 63.1             | 44.6               | 22.5      | 1.1                 | 3.0                           | 757.6      |
| August ..     | 299.2            | 232.0     | 91.6        | 62.9             | 44.0               | 22.4      | 1.1                 | 3.1                           | 756.3      |
| 1957—April .. | 302.6            | 234.8     | 92.1        | 63.9             | 44.5               | 22.9      | 1.1                 | 3.2                           | 765.1      |
| May ..        | 303.0            | 233.8     | 92.7        | 63.1             | 44.7               | 22.9      | 1.1                 | 3.2                           | 764.5      |
| June ..       | 302.2            | 233.5     | 92.8        | 62.8             | 44.2               | 22.6      | 1.2                 | 3.2                           | 762.5      |
| July ..       | 302.1            | 233.2     | 92.8        | 62.9             | 44.4               | 22.3      | 1.2                 | 3.2                           | 762.1      |
| August ..     | 302.7            | 232.6     | 93.1        | 62.8             | 44.5               | 22.3      | 1.2                 | 3.2                           | 762.4      |
| PERSONS.      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..  | 697.9            | 500.4     | 226.0       | 140.7            | 109.1              | 49.0      | 2.3                 | 4.8                           | 1,730.2    |
| 1955—June ..  | 1,071.7          | 783.7     | 361.3       | 238.9            | 180.3              | 85.7      | 5.8                 | 11.6                          | 2,739.0    |
| 1956—June ..  | 1,088.0          | 797.2     | 367.2       | 247.4            | 180.1              | 87.2      | 6.1                 | 11.6                          | 2,784.8    |
| 1957—June ..  | 1,091.7          | 798.6     | 368.6       | 245.7            | 177.8              | 87.8      | 6.7                 | 12.1                          | 2,789.0    |
| 1956—April .. | 1,088.2          | 798.8     | 363.8       | 248.0            | 181.7              | 87.7      | 6.0                 | 11.5                          | 2,785.7    |
| May ..        | 1,089.3          | 798.6     | 365.7       | 248.2            | 181.2              | 88.0      | 6.1                 | 11.6                          | 2,788.7    |
| June ..       | 1,088.0          | 797.2     | 367.2       | 247.4            | 180.1              | 87.2      | 6.1                 | 11.6                          | 2,784.8    |
| July ..       | 1,085.6          | 795.6     | 367.8       | 246.6            | 179.2              | 87.1      | 6.2                 | 11.4                          | 2,779.5    |
| August ..     | 1,085.8          | 793.3     | 368.6       | 245.4            | 178.7              | 86.8      | 6.2                 | 11.5                          | 2,776.3    |
| 1957—April .. | 1,090.9          | 799.1     | 363.6       | 247.0            | 179.1              | 89.0      | 6.6                 | 12.1                          | 2,787.4    |
| May ..        | 1,092.9          | 798.7     | 366.8       | 246.4            | 178.8              | 88.6      | 6.6                 | 12.0                          | 2,790.8    |
| June ..       | 1,091.7          | 798.6     | 368.6       | 245.7            | 177.8              | 87.8      | 6.7                 | 12.1                          | 2,789.0    |
| July ..       | 1,090.4          | 797.5     | 367.8       | 245.0            | 177.7              | 87.1      | 6.7                 | 12.2                          | 2,784.4    |
| August ..     | 1,088.6          | 796.1     | 367.2       | 245.0            | 177.9              | 86.8      | 6.7                 | 12.3                          | 2,780.6    |

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. See also notes on page 6.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

| Period.          | New South Wales. | Vic-toria. | Queens-land. | South Aus-tralia. | Western Aus-tralia. | Tas-manian. | Australia. |          |          |   |                                       |
|------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
|                  |                  |            |              |                   |                     |             | Males.     | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. |                                       |
|                  |                  |            |              |                   |                     |             |            |          |          | Un-adjusted.                                | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
| Monthly Average— | '000.            | '000.      | '000.        | '000.             | '000.               | '000.       | '000.      | '000.    | '000.    |   |                                       |
| 1936-37 ..       | 197.8            | 183.0      | 45.9         | 39.3              | 21.4                | 11.8        | 359.6      | 139.6    | 499.2    | 950   | 959                                   |
| 1937-38 ..       | 215.6            | 193.6      | 49.6         | 42.6              | 22.0                | 12.5        | 387.7      | 148.2    | 535.9    | 1,019                                       | 1,019                                 |
| 1938-39 ..       | 219.5            | 193.9      | 51.5         | 42.0              | 22.1                | 13.2        | 391.8      | 150.4    | 542.2    | 1,031                                       | 1,022                                 |
| 1949-50 ..       | 358.8            | 281.5      | 79.6         | 75.7              | 36.6                | 21.9        | 636.9      | 217.2    | 854.1    | 1,624                                       | 1,386                                 |
| 1950-51 ..       | 379.0            | 290.4      | 83.2         | 80.8              | 38.6                | 22.2        | 664.8      | 229.4    | 894.2    | 1,701                                       | 1,408                                 |
| 1951-52 ..       | 377.9            | 292.2      | 83.1         | 81.3              | 38.8                | 22.0        | 672.3      | 223.0    | 895.3    | 1,703                                       | 1,369                                 |
| 1952-53 ..       | 351.4            | 279.1      | 82.1         | 77.2              | 38.7                | 21.5        | 652.7      | 197.3    | 850.0    | 1,617                                       | 1,268                                 |
| 1953-54 ..       | 369.6            | 296.1      | 85.0         | 82.2              | 40.3                | 22.4        | 681.1      | 214.5    | 895.6    | 1,703                                       | 1,312                                 |
| 1954-55 ..       | 384.0            | 308.5      | 87.1         | 85.1              | 41.3                | 23.0        | 704.9      | 224.1    | 929.0    | 1,767                                       | 1,334                                 |
| 1955-56 ..       | 391.5            | 315.6      | 87.8         | 87.0              | 41.8                | 24.3        | 719.8      | 228.2    | 948.0    | 1,803                                       | 1,328                                 |
| 1956-57 ..       | 392.9            | 313.4      | 88.1         | 85.9              | 40.9                | 25.4        | 719.2      | 227.4    | 946.6    | 1,800                                       | 1,296                                 |
| Monthly Total—   |                  |            |              |                   |                     |             |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| 1955-56—         |                  |            |              |                   |                     |             |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| August ..        | 389.7            | 312.1      | 89.7         | 85.5              | 41.7                | 23.1        | 716.2      | 225.6    | 941.8    | 1,791                                       | 1,333                                 |
| September ..     | 390.2            | 312.9      | 90.0         | 86.0              | 42.0                | 23.2        | 717.4      | 226.9    | 944.3    | 1,796                                       | 1,333                                 |
| October ..       | 391.7            | 314.5      | 90.0         | 86.0              | 41.9                | 23.3        | 718.7      | 228.7    | 947.4    | 1,802                                       | 1,335                                 |
| November ..      | 393.3            | 315.6      | 90.2         | 86.4              | 42.2                | 23.5        | 722.4      | 228.8    | 951.2    | 1,809                                       | 1,338                                 |
| December ..      | 392.3            | 314.8      | 85.0         | 87.3              | 42.3                | 24.4        | 718.5      | 227.6    | 946.1    | 1,800                                       | 1,328                                 |
| January(b) ..    | 391.1            | 315.5      | 83.4         | 88.7              | 42.1                | 24.8        | 718.9      | 226.7    | 945.6    | 1,799                                       | 1,324                                 |
| February ..      | 394.2            | 318.9      | 85.4         | 88.3              | 42.0                | 24.7        | 721.8      | 231.7    | 953.5    | 1,814                                       | 1,332                                 |
| March ..         | 392.5            | 319.6      | 86.0         | 88.6              | 41.7                | 24.8        | 722.4      | 230.8    | 953.2    | 1,813                                       | 1,328                                 |
| April ..         | 393.1            | 318.5      | 87.0         | 87.8              | 41.5                | 25.4        | 723.9      | 229.4    | 953.3    | 1,813                                       | 1,326                                 |
| May ..           | 392.4            | 317.5      | 88.1         | 87.1              | 41.3                | 25.5        | 723.1      | 228.8    | 951.9    | 1,810                                       | 1,321                                 |
| June ..          | 391.6            | 316.6      | 89.5         | 86.4              | 41.0                | 25.4        | 722.2      | 228.3    | 950.5    | 1,808                                       | 1,318                                 |
| 1956-57—         |                  |            |              |                   |                     |             |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| July ..          | 389.5            | 315.0      | 90.0         | 86.1              | 40.7                | 25.3        | 719.9      | 226.7    | 946.6    | 1,800                                       | 1,309                                 |
| August ..        | 390.0            | 313.6      | 89.5         | 85.8              | 40.5                | 25.1        | 718.2      | 226.3    | 944.5    | 1,796                                       | 1,304                                 |
| September ..     | 390.9            | 313.7      | 89.7         | 85.6              | 40.8                | 24.6        | 718.1      | 227.2    | 945.3    | 1,798                                       | 1,303                                 |
| October ..       | 391.1            | 312.5      | 89.3         | 85.5              | 40.9                | 24.7        | 716.9      | 227.1    | 944.0    | 1,795                                       | 1,299                                 |
| November ..      | 392.8            | 313.3      | 89.6         | 85.2              | 41.0                | 24.8        | 719.3      | 227.4    | 946.7    | 1,801                                       | 1,300                                 |
| December ..      | 391.6            | 311.7      | 85.2         | 85.2              | 41.0                | 25.4        | 715.3      | 224.8    | 940.1    | 1,788                                       | 1,288                                 |
| January ..       | 393.0            | 310.7      | 83.4         | 86.8              | 40.9                | 26.2        | 715.0      | 226.0    | 941.0    | 1,790                                       | 1,288                                 |
| February ..      | 394.9            | 314.3      | 87.3         | 87.1              | 41.0                | 26.0        | 720.3      | 230.3    | 950.6    | 1,808                                       | 1,298                                 |
| March ..         | 396.8            | 316.8      | 87.9         | 87.0              | 41.1                | 25.7        | 722.6      | 232.7    | 955.3    | 1,817                                       | 1,303                                 |
| April ..         | 395.0            | 314.0      | 87.3         | 86.1              | 41.0                | 25.8        | 720.4      | 228.8    | 949.2    | 1,805                                       | 1,291                                 |
| May ..           | 395.3            | 312.7      | 88.1         | 85.4              | 41.1                | 25.6        | 721.6      | 226.6    | 948.2    | 1,804                                       | 1,288                                 |
| June ..          | 394.4            | 312.1      | 90.1         | 85.3              | 40.7                | 25.3        | 722.3      | 225.6    | 947.9    | 1,803                                       | 1,284                                 |
| 1957-58—         |                  |            |              |                   |                     |             |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| July ..          | 393.9            | 311.2      | 90.1         | 85.1              | 40.5                | 25.0        | 721.0      | 224.8    | 945.8    | 1,799                                       | 1,280                                 |
| August ..        | 393.6            | 311.0      | 89.7         | 85.2              | 40.5                | 24.8        | 719.9      | 224.9    | 944.8    | 1,797                                       | 1,276                                 |

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1949-50 subject to revision.

(b) Affected by industrial disputes

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE. (a)

('000.)

| Period.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |          |          |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.         | Females. | Persons. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |          |          |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 97.2             | 68.8      | 31.1        | 23.9             | 18.2               | 7.3       | 129.3          | 117.8    | 247.1    |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 95.9             | 68.6      | 31.3        | 23.6             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 128.0          | 117.7    | 245.7    |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 90.1             | 66.1      | 30.0        | 22.4             | 18.1               | 7.2       | 124.2          | 110.4    | 234.6    |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 93.0             | 67.5      | 30.6        | 23.1             | 19.0               | 7.5       | 127.2          | 114.0    | 241.2    |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 96.3             | 69.9      | 31.2        | 24.2             | 19.6               | 7.7       | 129.7          | 119.8    | 249.5    |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 97.7             | 71.4      | 31.7        | 25.3             | 19.8               | 8.0       | 130.5          | 124.2    | 254.7    |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 96.3             | 71.2      | 32.0        | 24.8             | 19.7               | 7.9       | 130.0          | 122.7    | 252.7    |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |          |          |
| 1955-56—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |          |          |
| August .. ..            | 95.9             | 70.2      | 31.3        | 24.6             | 19.6               | 7.8       | 128.8          | 121.3    | 250.1    |
| September ..            | 96.1             | 70.6      | 31.3        | 24.9             | 19.6               | 7.8       | 128.9          | 122.1    | 251.0    |
| October .. ..           | 96.5             | 71.2      | 31.6        | 25.1             | 19.7               | 7.9       | 129.5          | 123.3    | 252.8    |
| November ..             | 100.6            | 73.0      | 32.5        | 25.7             | 20.0               | 8.1       | 131.9          | 128.8    | 260.7    |
| December ..             | 106.0            | 73.5      | 32.5        | 26.3             | 20.5               | 8.3       | 135.6          | 132.3    | 267.9    |
| January .. ..           | 98.0             | 72.3      | 32.1        | 25.9             | 20.2               | 8.0       | 131.4          | 125.9    | 257.3    |
| February ..             | 96.6             | 71.2      | 31.4        | 25.7             | 19.9               | 8.0       | 130.2          | 123.3    | 253.5    |
| March .. ..             | 97.2             | 71.2      | 31.5        | 25.3             | 19.8               | 8.0       | 130.5          | 123.2    | 253.7    |
| April .. ..             | 96.3             | 71.2      | 31.6        | 25.3             | 19.8               | 8.0       | 130.1          | 122.7    | 252.8    |
| May .. ..               | 96.5             | 71.3      | 31.7        | 25.4             | 19.7               | 8.0       | 130.1          | 123.3    | 253.4    |
| June .. ..              | 96.0             | 71.6      | 31.9        | 25.2             | 19.6               | 7.8       | 129.9          | 122.9    | 252.8    |
| 1956-57—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |          |          |
| July .. ..              | 95.8             | 71.0      | 31.7        | 25.3             | 19.6               | 7.8       | 129.5          | 122.4    | 251.9    |
| August .. ..            | 95.1             | 70.6      | 31.6        | 24.8             | 19.5               | 7.8       | 129.0          | 121.0    | 250.0    |
| September ..            | 94.9             | 70.8      | 31.5        | 24.8             | 19.4               | 7.7       | 128.7          | 121.1    | 249.8    |
| October .. ..           | 95.3             | 71.2      | 31.9        | 24.9             | 19.6               | 7.8       | 129.2          | 122.2    | 251.4    |
| November ..             | 99.1             | 72.9      | 32.7        | 25.2             | 19.7               | 7.9       | 131.9          | 126.5    | 258.4    |
| December ..             | 103.5            | 73.8      | 32.9        | 25.1             | 20.2               | 8.4       | 134.8          | 130.0    | 264.8    |
| January .. ..           | 96.1             | 71.1      | 32.1        | 25.0             | 19.9               | 8.1       | 130.2          | 122.9    | 253.1    |
| February ..             | 95.3             | 70.9      | 31.9        | 24.7             | 19.8               | 8.0       | 129.7          | 121.6    | 251.3    |
| March .. ..             | 95.2             | 70.5      | 31.6        | 24.6             | 19.8               | 7.9       | 129.1          | 121.2    | 250.3    |
| April .. ..             | 94.7             | 70.5      | 31.6        | 24.6             | 19.6               | 8.0       | 128.8          | 120.7    | 249.5    |
| May .. ..               | 95.5             | 70.7      | 32.1        | 24.4             | 19.9               | 7.9       | 129.3          | 121.9    | 251.2    |
| June .. ..              | 95.0             | 70.7      | 32.2        | 24.4             | 19.8               | 7.9       | 129.4          | 121.3    | 250.7    |
| 1957-58—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |          |          |
| July .. ..              | 95.4             | 70.7      | 32.2        | 24.3             | 19.8               | 7.8       | 129.6          | 121.3    | 250.9    |
| August .. ..            | 95.8             | 70.3      | 32.1        | 24.3             | 19.5               | 7.7       | 129.5          | 121.0    | 250.5    |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.



# AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period.                                  |         | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--|---------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). |         |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 1950-51                                  | .. ..   | 11,385              | 7,916     | 3,501       | 2,389               | 1,639              | 817       | 27,647     |
| 1951-52                                  | .. ..   | 14,364              | 9,816     | 4,319       | 3,018               | 2,108              | 1,059     | 34,684     |
| 1952-53                                  | .. ..   | 15,090              | 10,490    | 4,750       | 3,311               | 2,344              | 1,178     | 37,163     |
| 1953-54                                  | .. ..   | 16,043              | 11,305    | 5,065       | 3,561               | 2,586              | 1,280     | 39,840     |
| 1954-55                                  | .. ..   | 17,357              | 12,221    | 5,398       | 3,839               | 2,731              | 1,365     | 42,911     |
| 1955-56                                  | .. ..   | 18,955              | 13,358    | 5,809       | 4,195               | 2,897              | 1,476     | 46,690     |
| 1956-57                                  | .. ..   | 20,167              | 14,111    | 6,218       | 4,387               | 2,979              | 1,596     | 49,458     |
| 1954-55—                                 |         |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| June                                     | Qtr. .. | 18,235              | 12,916    | 5,619       | 4,033               | 2,813              | 1,492     | 45,108     |
| 1955-56—                                 |         |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September                                | .. ..   | 18,454              | 12,890    | 5,765       | 4,097               | 2,844              | 1,414     | 45,464     |
| December                                 | .. ..   | 19,683              | 13,664    | 6,034       | 4,267               | 2,980              | 1,462     | 48,090     |
| March                                    | .. ..   | 18,229              | 12,832    | 5,435       | 4,057               | 2,849              | 1,442     | 44,844     |
| June                                     | .. ..   | 19,453              | 14,045    | 6,002       | 4,359               | 2,915              | 1,587     | 48,361     |
| 1956-57—                                 |         |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September                                | .. ..   | 19,613              | 13,877    | 6,145       | 4,364               | 3,003              | 1,529     | 48,531     |
| December                                 | .. ..   | 21,038              | 14,627    | 6,584       | 4,497               | 3,011              | 1,610     | 51,367     |
| March                                    | .. ..   | 19,420              | 13,500    | 5,837       | 4,231               | 2,899              | 1,584     | 47,471     |
| June                                     | .. ..   | 20,595              | 14,441    | 6,304       | 4,456               | 3,005              | 1,660     | 50,461     |

|  |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c) |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 1950-51  | .. ..   | 11.46 | 11.70 | 9.82  | 10.58 | 10.23 | 9.99  | 11.09 |
| 1951-52  | .. ..   | 14.24 | 14.20 | 11.93 | 13.13 | 12.80 | 12.59 | 13.65 |
| 1952-53  | .. ..   | 15.50 | 15.46 | 13.32 | 14.58 | 14.13 | 13.97 | 14.95 |
| 1953-54  | .. ..   | 16.15 | 16.27 | 14.05 | 15.30 | 15.04 | 14.92 | 15.69 |
| 1954-55  | .. ..   | 16.96 | 17.06 | 14.51 | 16.09 | 15.55 | 15.60 | 16.42 |
| 1955-56  | .. ..   | 18.16 | 18.22 | 15.34 | 17.10 | 16.37 | 16.66 | 17.51 |
| 1956-57  | .. ..   | 19.20 | 19.13 | 16.24 | 17.70 | 17.02 | 17.73 | 18.43 |
| 1954-55—   |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| June   | Qtr. .. | 17.64 | 17.81 | 14.90 | 16.73 | 15.92 | 16.76 | 17.07 |
| 1955-56—   |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September  | .. ..   | 17.79 | 17.75 | 15.16 | 16.98 | 16.12 | 16.11 | 17.16 |
| December   | .. ..   | 18.83 | 18.68 | 15.89 | 17.49 | 16.82 | 16.65 | 18.04 |
| March  | .. ..   | 17.46 | 17.43 | 14.54 | 16.43 | 16.08 | 16.25 | 16.81 |
| June   | .. ..   | 18.57 | 19.00 | 15.75 | 17.51 | 16.45 | 17.61 | 18.02 |
| 1956-57—   |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September  | .. ..   | 18.75 | 18.87 | 15.97 | 17.63 | 17.14 | 17.15 | 18.12 |
| December   | .. ..   | 20.01 | 19.84 | 17.14 | 18.20 | 17.19 | 18.04 | 19.13 |
| March  | .. ..   | 18.45 | 18.27 | 15.37 | 17.01 | 16.57 | 17.43 | 17.67 |
| June   | .. ..   | 19.60 | 19.54 | 16.46 | 17.94 | 17.18 | 18.30 | 18.78 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences. The series is subject to revision, based on the results of the 1954 Census.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

## NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

| Period.                            | Unemployment.       |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |                     | Sickness.  | Special.       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|
|                                    | New South Wales.(c) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(d) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | A.C.T. (e) | Australia.          | Australia. | (b) Australia. |
| <b>Average of Monthly Figures—</b> |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |                     |            |                |
| 1949-50(f) ..                      | 8,327               | 123       | 1,371       | 241                 | 155                | 30        | ..         | 10,247              | 7,585      | 897            |
| 1950-51(f) ..                      | 287                 | 71        | 326         | 6                   | 59                 | 14        | ..         | 763                 | 7,059      | 863            |
| 1951-52(f) ..                      | 949                 | 220       | 1,374       | 24                  | 64                 | 16        | ..         | 2,647               | 6,454      | 993            |
| 1952-53 ..                         | 17,590              | 6,168     | 4,281       | 842                 | 841                | 262       | ..         | 29,984              | 7,140      | 1,408          |
| 1953-54 ..                         | 6,495               | 2,698     | 3,169       | 252                 | 406                | 212       | ..         | 13,232              | 7,994      | 1,868          |
| 1954-55 ..                         | 1,440               | 539       | 1,408       | 66                  | 153                | 81        | 3          | 3,690               | 7,984      | 1,983          |
| 1955-56 ..                         | 1,362               | 479       | 1,511       | 83                  | 515                | 57        | 6          | 4,013               | 7,303      | 1,973          |
| 1956-57 ..                         | 4,151               | 3,349     | 2,343       | 702                 | 1,972              | 134       | 15         | 12,666              | 6,992      | 2,012          |
| <b>Last Saturday of Month—</b>     |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |                     |            |                |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |                     |            |                |
| September ..                       | 706                 | 327       | 425         | 37                  | 256                | 80        | 1          | 1,832               | 7,729      | 1,977          |
| October ..                         | 658                 | 294       | 427         | 46                  | 215                | 85        | 2          | 1,727               | 7,402      | 1,957          |
| November ..                        | 644                 | 277       | 431         | 44                  | 216                | 64        | 1          | 1,677               | 7,409      | 1,970          |
| December ..                        | 965                 | 356       | 1,442       | 56                  | 377                | 48        | 1          | 3,245               | 6,703      | 1,943          |
| January ..                         | 1,321               | 359       | 2,561       | 46                  | 414                | 40        | 1          | 4,742               | 6,846      | 1,965          |
| February ..                        | 1,932               | 341       | 3,371       | 55                  | 374                | 50        | 5          | 6,128               | 7,150      | 1,998          |
| March ..                           | 2,233               | 350       | 3,268       | 62                  | 536                | 31        | 12         | <sup>g</sup> 6,494  | 6,855      | 1,966          |
| April ..                           | 1,771               | 566       | 2,223       | 86                  | 683                | 30        | 18         | <sup>g</sup> 5,379  | 6,979      | 1,947          |
| May ..                             | 1,837               | 760       | 1,562       | 140                 | 989                | 36        | 11         | <sup>h</sup> 5,336  | 7,129      | 1,977          |
| June ..                            | 2,313               | 1,412     | 1,270       | 319                 | 1,606              | 71        | 12         | 7,003               | 7,244      | 1,947          |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |                     |            |                |
| July ..                            | 3,051               | 2,515     | 909         | 493                 | 2,082              | 91        | 22         | <sup>h</sup> 9,164  | 7,453      | 2,040          |
| August ..                          | 3,138               | 3,129     | 809         | 706                 | 2,304              | 110       | 16         | 10,212              | 7,557      | 2,029          |
| September ..                       | 3,208               | 2,949     | 792         | 674                 | 1,871              | 108       | 12         | 9,614               | 7,288      | 1,998          |
| October ..                         | 3,126               | 3,067     | 829         | 640                 | 1,788              | 88        | 7          | 9,545               | 7,261      | 1,986          |
| November ..                        | 3,308               | 3,085     | 821         | 770                 | 1,666              | 92        | 16         | <sup>h</sup> 9,759  | 7,137      | 1,962          |
| December ..                        | 4,329               | 3,593     | 2,118       | 978                 | 2,126              | 97        | 36         | 13,277              | 6,520      | 1,967          |
| January ..                         | 4,168               | 3,493     | 4,083       | 702                 | 2,244              | 88        | 23         | <sup>h</sup> 14,802 | 6,515      | 2,053          |
| February ..                        | 4,327               | 2,677     | 4,218       | 462                 | 1,930              | 71        | 9          | 13,694              | 6,808      | 2,076          |
| March ..                           | 4,311               | 2,771     | 3,802       | 481                 | 1,607              | 94        | 11         | 13,077              | 7,112      | 2,063          |
| April ..                           | 5,230               | 3,772     | 3,876       | 631                 | 1,804              | 126       | 14         | 15,453              | 6,506      | 2,008          |
| May ..                             | 5,378               | 4,057     | 3,009       | 835                 | 1,803              | 236       | 7          | 15,325              | 6,896      | 1,985          |
| June ..                            | 6,230               | 5,073     | 2,851       | 1,054               | 2,441              | 410       | 12         | 18,071              | 6,845      | 1,971          |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |                     |            |                |
| July ..                            | 7,318               | 5,887     | 2,411       | 1,345               | 2,772              | 543       | 15         | 20,291              | 6,813      | 1,970          |
| August ..                          | 7,878               | 5,618     | 2,216       | 1,320               | 2,458              | 665       | 20         | 20,175              | 7,176      | 1,965          |
| September ..                       | 7,177               | 5,271     | 2,458       | 1,233               | 2,120              | 695       | 19         | <sup>g</sup> 18,975 | 7,305      | 2,002          |

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory prior to July, 1954. (d) Includes Northern Territory prior to July, 1954. (e) Included with New South Wales prior to July, 1954. (f) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the *Social Services Act 1947-1957*. (g) Includes Northern Territory, 2. (h) Includes Northern Territory, 1.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT(a) AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                 | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. |          |          | Amount paid in Benefits during Month. |           |           |           |         |
|-------------------------|--|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|                         | Males.                                   | Females. | Persons. | Unemployment.                         | Sickness. | Special—  |           | Total.  |
|                         |  |          |          |                                       |           | Migrants. | Ordinary. |         |
|                         |  |          |          | £                                     | £         | £         | £         | £       |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |          |          |                                       |           |           |           |         |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 10,854                                   | 2,571    | 13,425   | 105,506                               | 68,001    | 35,361    |           | 208,868 |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 881                                      | 111      | 992      | 5,204                                 | 62,143    | 13,520    | 5,568     | 86,435  |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 1,771                                    | 520      | 2,291    | 15,584                                | 59,157    | 2,319     | 6,911     | 83,971  |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 12,793                                   | 1,797    | 14,590   | 380,812                               | 116,108   | 8,172     | 16,197    | 521,289 |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 4,368                                    | 810      | 5,178    | 208,788                               | 139,633   | 4,561     | 25,639    | 378,621 |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 1,529                                    | 496      | 2,025    | 56,620                                | 133,987   | 4,534     | 24,848    | 219,989 |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 2,525                                    | 590      | 3,115    | 55,985                                | 126,589   | 5,433     | 25,585    | 213,592 |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 6,811                                    | 1,192    | 8,003    | 174,670                               | 124,877   | 6,785     | 26,954    | 333,286 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |          |          |                                       |           |           |           |         |
| 1955-56—                |  |          |          |                                       |           |           |           |         |
| September ..            | 607                                      | 276      | 883      | 29,572                                | 154,338   | 4,307     | 32,351    | 220,568 |
| October(b) ..           | 706                                      | 363      | 1,069    | 23,563                                | 121,599   | 11,343    | 16,726    | 173,231 |
| November ..             | 663                                      | 338      | 1,001    | 22,461                                | 120,050   | 4,763     | 24,762    | 172,036 |
| December(b) ..          | 2,225                                    | 449      | 2,674    | 23,298                                | 121,350   | 2,603     | 23,519    | 170,770 |
| January ..              | 3,733                                    | 439      | 4,172    | 52,714                                | 139,321   | 6,945     | 26,958    | 225,938 |
| February ..             | 5,851                                    | 850      | 6,701    | 80,469                                | 119,925   | 7,737     | 22,343    | 230,474 |
| March(b) ..             | 3,776                                    | 816      | 4,592    | 90,790                                | 123,763   | 3,278     | 24,865    | 242,696 |
| April ..                | 3,078                                    | 694      | 3,772    | 108,321                               | 120,559   | 8,714     | 24,419    | 262,013 |
| May ..                  | 2,987                                    | 790      | 3,777    | 86,573                                | 119,215   | 4,563     | 25,652    | 236,003 |
| June(b) ..              | 4,919                                    | 1,066    | 5,985    | 86,720                                | 124,246   | 3,797     | 27,032    | 241,795 |
| 1956-57—                |  |          |          |                                       |           |           |           |         |
| July ..                 | 5,405                                    | 1,017    | 6,422    | 101,482                               | 120,263   | 8,638     | 22,206    | 252,589 |
| August ..               | 6,203                                    | 1,029    | 7,232    | 141,971                               | 147,559   | 6,164     | 29,466    | 325,160 |
| September(b) ..         | 6,289                                    | 985      | 7,274    | 137,539                               | 122,136   | 5,042     | 22,366    | 287,083 |
| October ..              | 4,703                                    | 828      | 5,531    | 145,851                               | 137,133   | 1,789     | 27,377    | 312,150 |
| November ..             | 4,564                                    | 987      | 5,551    | 128,343                               | 108,286   | 1,647     | 24,028    | 262,304 |
| December(b) ..          | 7,480                                    | 1,071    | 8,551    | 119,325                               | 106,912   | 3,925     | 24,167    | 254,329 |
| January ..              | 8,069                                    | 849      | 8,918    | 247,430                               | 133,027   | 4,747     | 31,168    | 416,372 |
| February ..             | 7,755                                    | 1,245    | 9,000    | 222,303                               | 116,006   | 4,956     | 31,777    | 375,042 |
| March(b) ..             | 6,907                                    | 1,467    | 8,374    | 193,234                               | 117,846   | 7,286     | 25,130    | 343,496 |
| April ..                | 7,319                                    | 1,364    | 8,683    | 172,388                               | 105,214   | 7,762     | 24,025    | 309,389 |
| May ..                  | 6,893                                    | 1,323    | 8,216    | 230,126                               | 135,683   | 10,889    | 30,128    | 406,826 |
| June(b) ..              | 10,135                                   | 2,143    | 12,278   | 256,044                               | 148,461   | 18,573    | 31,609    | 454,687 |
| 1957-58—                |  |          |          |                                       |           |           |           |         |
| July ..                 | 9,165                                    | 1,959    | 11,124   | 265,287                               | 100,619   | 19,757    | 22,636    | 408,299 |
| August(b) ..            | 10,309                                   | 1,755    | 12,064   | 320,163                               | 145,700   | 23,601    | 26,473    | 515,937 |
| September ..            | 7,272                                    | 1,370    | 8,642    | 274,373                               | 114,295   | 16,827    | 22,881    | 428,376 |

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown. (b) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.



# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49 to 1956-57 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1948-49 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

| Period.                   | Gro-<br>ceries. | Butchers'<br>Meat. | Other<br>Food.<br>(b) | Beer,<br>Wine<br>and<br>Spirits. | Clothing,<br>Drapery<br>and Foot-<br>wear. | Hard-<br>ware.(c) | Electri-<br>cal<br>Goods.<br>(d) | Furni-<br>ture. | Other<br>Goods. | Total<br>(Excl.<br>Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>etc.). | Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>Parts,<br>Petrol,<br>etc.(e) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                 |                    |                       |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| 1948-49 ..                | 35.9            | 16.3               | 29.1                  | 23.8                             | 59.5                                       | 13.9              | 8.5                              | 11.6            | 42.0            | 240.6   | 41.5   |
| 1949-50 ..                | 40.2            | 18.9               | 32.9                  | 26.2                             | 66.0                                       | 16.6              | 10.9                             | 13.6            | 51.1            | 276.4   | 68.3   |
| 1950-51 ..                | 46.5            | 23.1               | 38.9                  | 30.8                             | 82.1                                       | 22.8              | 16.2                             | 19.2            | 63.1            | 342.7   | 95.5   |
| 1951-52 ..                | 58.2            | 29.7               | 47.0                  | 38.5                             | 87.9                                       | 27.4              | 19.4                             | 19.0            | 76.9            | 404.0   | 108.3  |
| 1952-53 ..                | 65.4            | 31.9               | 51.7                  | 43.2                             | 88.8                                       | 28.4              | 19.0                             | 18.2            | 78.9            | 425.5   | 104.3  |
| 1953-54 ..                | 68.8            | 33.4               | 55.9                  | 46.7                             | 96.9                                       | 31.2              | 22.8                             | 20.3            | 84.2            | 460.2   | 122.9  |
| 1954-55 ..                | 76.5            | 36.6               | 61.4                  | 50.5                             | 105.3                                      | 35.6              | 24.9                             | 21.6            | 91.2            | 503.6   | 145.2  |
| 1955-56 ..                | 83.7            | 39.6               | 67.3                  | 54.7                             | 109.2                                      | 38.5              | 26.6                             | 23.0            | 98.5            | 541.1   | 157.6  |
| 1956-57 ..                | 88.0            | 42.2               | 69.2                  | 58.7                             | 110.4                                      | 38.1              | 28.4                             | 23.0            | 102.3           | 560.3   | 159.5  |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                 |                    |                       |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| 1951-52—                  |                 |                    |                       |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| June ..                   | 61.6            | 31.2               | 47.3                  | 38.6                             | 92.6                                       | 27.1              | 16.6                             | 17.7            | 74.9            | 407.6   | 103.5  |
| 1952-53—                  |                 |                    |                       |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept. ..                  | 62.8            | 31.8               | 48.6                  | 38.7                             | 80.3                                       | 26.4              | 16.9                             | 17.3            | 74.7            | 397.5   | 95.2   |
| Dec. ..                   | 68.9            | 32.1               | 54.2                  | 47.4                             | 100.6                                      | 30.9              | 22.5                             | 19.8            | 89.4            | 465.8   | 110.3  |
| Mar. ..                   | 63.2            | 31.2               | 51.8                  | 44.9                             | 76.5                                       | 27.2              | 18.4                             | 17.5            | 75.0            | 405.7   | 101.5  |
| June ..                   | 66.6            | 32.7               | 52.2                  | 42.0                             | 97.7                                       | 29.3              | 18.0                             | 18.2            | 76.4            | 433.1   | 110.3  |
| 1953-54—                  |                 |                    |                       |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept. ..                  | 67.9            | 33.4               | 53.0                  | 41.9                             | 88.0                                       | 29.6              | 20.1                             | 19.6            | 78.9            | 432.4   | 113.6  |
| Dec. ..                   | 72.9            | 33.8               | 58.5                  | 51.9                             | 111.4                                      | 34.9              | 28.0                             | 22.8            | 96.6            | 510.8   | 127.3  |
| Mar. ..                   | 65.6            | 32.7               | 56.0                  | 48.3                             | 82.7                                       | 28.7              | 22.1                             | 18.1            | 78.6            | 432.8   | 117.4  |
| June ..                   | 68.7            | 34.0               | 56.2                  | 44.6                             | 105.5                                      | 31.5              | 21.0                             | 20.5            | 82.8            | 464.8   | 133.4  |
| 1954-55—                  |                 |                    |                       |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept. ..                  | 72.3            | 35.9               | 58.2                  | 45.4                             | 97.2                                       | 34.3              | 23.2                             | 21.8            | 82.4            | 470.7   | 141.3  |
| Dec. ..                   | 80.7            | 36.5               | 64.0                  | 53.5                             | 120.1                                      | 39.2              | 30.5                             | 24.3            | 105.0           | 553.8   | 148.6  |
| Mar. ..                   | 74.2            | 36.0               | 61.8                  | 53.4                             | 89.7                                       | 33.5              | 23.8                             | 19.3            | 86.3            | 478.0   | 136.9  |
| June ..                   | 78.7            | 38.1               | 61.7                  | 49.7                             | 114.1                                      | 35.5              | 22.2                             | 21.1            | 91.0            | 512.1   | 154.0  |
| 1955-56—                  |                 |                    |                       |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept. ..                  | 81.2            | 38.5               | 63.6                  | 49.2                             | 103.1                                      | 37.8              | 25.2                             | 23.4            | 91.9            | 513.9   | 160.4  |
| Dec. ..                   | 86.1            | 39.4               | 70.0                  | 58.6                             | 125.4                                      | 42.4              | 33.0                             | 25.6            | 115.8           | 596.3   | 164.5  |
| Mar. ..                   | 83.3            | 39.2               | 69.1                  | 56.7                             | 92.8                                       | 35.8              | 24.7                             | 20.6            | 91.2            | 513.4   | 151.2  |
| June ..                   | 84.1            | 41.3               | 66.4                  | 54.2                             | 115.7                                      | 38.1              | 23.7                             | 22.5            | 94.9            | 540.9   | 154.3  |
| 1956-57—                  |                 |                    |                       |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept. ..                  | 87.0            | 42.2               | 67.5                  | 53.0                             | 102.1                                      | 36.6              | 24.5                             | 23.0            | 96.8            | 532.7   | 154.3  |
| Dec. ..                   | 91.9            | 42.5               | 71.7                  | 63.9                             | 128.4                                      | 42.3              | 34.0                             | 25.9            | 117.5           | 618.1   | 165.4  |
| Mar. ..                   | 84.9            | 41.5               | 69.0                  | 60.8                             | 95.1                                       | 36.1              | 26.6                             | 20.8            | 96.2            | 531.0   | 154.4  |
| June ..                   | 88.2            | 42.8               | 68.5                  | 57.1                             | 115.9                                      | 37.2              | 28.4                             | 22.3            | 98.9            | 559.3   | 163.7  |

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.)

(d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance companies are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

## NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                        | Number<br>of<br>Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) |                                  | Amount Financed.(b) |                                  | Average<br>Proportion<br>of Hire<br>Purchase Sale<br>Financed.(b)<br>(Per cent.) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                                |                             | Total.<br>(£'000.) | Average per<br>Agreement.<br>(£) | Total.<br>(£'000.)  | Average per<br>Agreement.<br>(£) |  |
| MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC. |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>        |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |
| 1954-55 .. .. .                | 23,116                      | 15,908             | 688                              | 9,197               | 398                              | 58   |
| 1955-56 .. .. .                | 25,362                      | 17,648             | 696                              | 10,427              | 411                              | 59   |
| 1956-57 .. .. .                | 26,220                      | 18,607             | 710                              | 11,321              | 432                              | 61   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>          |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |
| 1956-57—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |
| September .. .. .              | 25,964                      | 18,740             | 722                              | 11,270              | 434                              | 60   |
| October .. .. .                | 29,976                      | 21,607             | 721                              | 13,212              | 441                              | 61   |
| November .. .. .               | 28,326                      | 20,305             | 717                              | 12,420              | 438                              | 61   |
| December .. .. .               | 24,671                      | 17,080             | 692                              | 10,406              | 422                              | 61   |
| January .. .. .                | 25,732                      | 17,574             | 683                              | 10,692              | 416                              | 61   |
| February .. .. .               | 23,452                      | 16,578             | 707                              | 10,101              | 431                              | 61   |
| March .. .. .                  | 25,326                      | 18,039             | 712                              | 10,950              | 432                              | 61   |
| April .. .. .                  | 24,498                      | 17,279             | 705                              | 10,542              | 430                              | 61   |
| May .. .. .                    | 27,011                      | 19,565             | 724                              | 11,905              | 441                              | 61   |
| June .. .. .                   | 24,370                      | 17,124             | 703                              | 10,429              | 428                              | 61   |
| 1957-58—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |
| July p .. .. .                 | 27,544                      | 19,431             | 705                              | 11,924              | 433                              | 61   |
| August p .. .. .               | 27,445                      | 19,050             | 694                              | 11,731              | 427                              | 62   |
| September p .. .. .            | 27,489                      | 19,177             | 698                              | 11,668              | 424                              | 61   |

## PLANT AND MACHINERY.

|                         |       |       |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |       |       |     |     |     |    |
| 1954-55 .. .. .         | 1,238 | 779   | 629 | 476 | 384 | 61 |
| 1955-56 .. .. .         | 1,610 | 1,044 | 648 | 646 | 401 | 62 |
| 1956-57 .. .. .         | 1,956 | 1,296 | 662 | 807 | 412 | 62 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |       |       |     |     |     |    |
| 1956-57—                |       |       |     |     |     |    |
| September .. .. .       | 1,615 | 1,476 | 914 | 956 | 592 | 65 |
| October .. .. .         | 2,158 | 1,338 | 620 | 811 | 376 | 61 |
| November .. .. .        | 2,303 | 1,473 | 640 | 902 | 392 | 61 |
| December .. .. .        | 2,038 | 1,350 | 662 | 831 | 408 | 62 |
| January .. .. .         | 2,173 | 1,282 | 590 | 795 | 366 | 62 |
| February .. .. .        | 2,137 | 1,247 | 584 | 770 | 360 | 62 |
| March .. .. .           | 2,350 | 1,376 | 586 | 828 | 352 | 60 |
| April .. .. .           | 1,939 | 1,162 | 599 | 722 | 372 | 62 |
| May .. .. .             | 1,933 | 1,306 | 676 | 805 | 416 | 62 |
| June .. .. .            | 1,585 | 1,441 | 909 | 928 | 585 | 64 |
| 1957-58—                |       |       |     |     |     |    |
| July p .. .. .          | 1,493 | 977   | 654 | 624 | 418 | 64 |
| August p .. .. .        | 1,638 | 1,233 | 753 | 763 | 466 | 62 |
| September p .. .. .     | 1,704 | 1,350 | 792 | 848 | 498 | 63 |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

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# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES—*continued.*

## NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

| Period.                       | Number<br>of<br>Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) |                           | Amount Financed.(b) |                           | Average<br>Proportion<br>of Hire<br>Purchase Sale<br>Financed.(b)<br>(Per cent.) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                               |                             | Total.             | Average per<br>Agreement. | Total.              | Average per<br>Agreement. |  |
|                               |                             | (£'000.)           | (£)                       | (£'000.)            | (£)                       |  |
| HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS. |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>       |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| 1954-55 .. .. .               | 53,772                      | 4,089              | 76                        | 3,312               | 62                        | 81   |
| 1955-56 .. .. .               | 56,963                      | 4,306              | 76                        | 3,494               | 61                        | 81   |
| 1956-57 .. .. .               | 56,863                      | 4,389              | 77                        | 3,517               | 62                        | 80   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>         |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| 1956-57—                      |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| September .. .. .             | 47,546                      | 3,352              | 71                        | 2,677               | 56                        | 80   |
| October .. .. .               | 56,861                      | 4,328              | 76                        | 3,436               | 60                        | 79   |
| November .. .. .              | 59,739                      | 4,768              | 80                        | 3,825               | 64                        | 80   |
| December .. .. .              | 67,933                      | 5,000              | 74                        | 4,033               | 59                        | 81   |
| January .. .. .               | 61,028                      | 4,983              | 82                        | 3,962               | 65                        | 80   |
| February .. .. .              | 55,700                      | 4,386              | 79                        | 3,530               | 63                        | 80   |
| March .. .. .                 | 59,482                      | 4,631              | 78                        | 3,713               | 62                        | 80   |
| April .. .. .                 | 53,046                      | 4,324              | 82                        | 3,468               | 65                        | 80   |
| May .. .. .                   | 63,167                      | 5,321              | 84                        | 4,299               | 68                        | 81   |
| June .. .. .                  | 53,026                      | 4,698              | 89                        | 3,767               | 71                        | 80   |
| 1957-58—                      |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| July p .. .. .                | 60,337                      | 5,595              | 93                        | 4,451               | 74                        | 80   |
| August p .. .. .              | 59,384                      | 5,684              | 96                        | 4,574               | 77                        | 80   |
| September p .. .. .           | 58,901                      | 5,732              | 97                        | 4,632               | 79                        | 81   |
| TOTAL (ALL GOODS).            |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>       |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| 1954-55 .. .. .               | 78,126                      | 20,776             | 266                       | 12,985              | 166                       | 63   |
| 1955-56 .. .. .               | 83,935                      | 22,998             | 274                       | 14,567              | 174                       | 63   |
| 1956-57 .. .. .               | 85,039                      | 24,292             | 286                       | 15,645              | 184                       | 64   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>         |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| 1956-57—                      |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| September .. .. .             | 75,125                      | 23,568             | 313                       | 14,903              | 198                       | 63   |
| October .. .. .               | 88,995                      | 27,273             | 306                       | 17,459              | 196                       | 64   |
| November .. .. .              | 90,368                      | 26,546             | 294                       | 17,147              | 190                       | 65   |
| December .. .. .              | 94,642                      | 23,430             | 248                       | 15,270              | 161                       | 65   |
| January .. .. .               | 88,933                      | 23,839             | 268                       | 15,449              | 174                       | 65   |
| February .. .. .              | 81,289                      | 22,211             | 273                       | 14,401              | 177                       | 65   |
| March .. .. .                 | 87,158                      | 24,046             | 276                       | 15,491              | 178                       | 64   |
| April .. .. .                 | 79,483                      | 22,765             | 286                       | 14,732              | 185                       | 65   |
| May .. .. .                   | 92,111                      | 26,192             | 284                       | 17,009              | 185                       | 65   |
| June .. .. .                  | 78,981                      | 23,263             | 295                       | 15,124              | 191                       | 65   |
| 1957-58—                      |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |  |
| July p .. .. .                | 89,374                      | 26,003             | 291                       | 16,999              | 190                       | 65   |
| August p .. .. .              | 88,467                      | 25,967             | 294                       | 17,068              | 193                       | 66   |
| September p .. .. .           | 88,094                      | 26,259             | 298                       | 17,148              | 195                       | 65   |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

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# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)  
(£'000.)

| As at—               | New South<br>Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South<br>Australia.(c) | Western<br>Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>1953—</b>         |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st March(d) ..     | 34,712                 | 19,524    | 14,367      | 8,050                  | 6,377                 | 2,916     | 85,946     |
| 30th June(d) ..      | 35,246                 | 20,052    | 15,087      | 8,477                  | 6,765                 | 3,108     | 88,735     |
| 30th September(d) .. | 37,690                 | 21,957    | 16,125      | 9,400                  | 7,372                 | 3,426     | 95,970     |
| 31st December(d) ..  | 43,205                 | 25,407    | 18,404      | 10,959                 | 8,415                 | 3,865     | 110,255    |
| <b>1954—</b>         |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st March ..        | 47,006                 | 27,615    | 19,710      | 11,868                 | 8,957                 | 4,232     | 119,388    |
| 30th June ..         | 50,863                 | 30,806    | 22,385      | 13,266                 | 10,154                | 4,772     | 132,246    |
| 30th September ..    | 54,457                 | 34,240    | 24,076      | 14,925                 | 11,382                | 5,274     | 144,354    |
| 31st December ..     | 61,413                 | 38,877    | 26,537      | 16,730                 | 12,525                | 5,918     | 162,000    |
| <b>1955—</b>         |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st March ..        | 65,469                 | 41,843    | 27,472      | 17,425                 | 13,197                | 6,434     | 171,840    |
| 30th June ..         | 69,240                 | 44,590    | 29,067      | 18,354                 | 14,151                | 7,012     | 182,414    |
| 30th September ..    | 75,422                 | 48,283    | 31,029      | 19,749                 | 15,078                | 7,460     | 197,021    |
| 31st December ..     | 79,879                 | 53,180    | 32,477      | 21,352                 | 16,080                | 7,951     | 210,919    |
| <b>1956—</b>         |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st January ..      | 79,252                 | 53,525    | 32,393      | 21,173                 | 16,192                | 8,048     | 210,583    |
| 29th February ..     | 78,819                 | 54,438    | 32,089      | 21,212                 | 15,844                | 8,060     | 210,462    |
| 31st March ..        | 78,935                 | 55,030    | 32,060      | 21,266                 | 15,844                | 8,033     | 211,168    |
| 30th April ..        | 78,651                 | 55,365    | 31,952      | 21,102                 | 15,703                | 8,067     | 210,840    |
| 31st May ..          | 78,937                 | 55,792    | 31,907      | 21,147                 | 15,535                | 8,157     | 211,475    |
| 30th June ..         | 79,071                 | 56,025    | 31,941      | 21,195                 | 15,408                | 8,163     | 211,803    |
| 31st July ..         | 79,302                 | 56,433    | 32,405      | 21,383                 | 15,292                | 8,249     | 213,064    |
| 31st August ..       | 79,932                 | 57,110    | 32,975      | 21,838                 | 15,280                | 8,362     | 215,497    |
| 30th September ..    | 80,889                 | 57,748    | 33,521      | 22,281                 | 15,289                | 8,477     | 218,205    |
| 31st October ..      | 81,836                 | 58,617    | 34,331      | 22,844                 | 15,441                | 8,632     | 221,701    |
| 30th November ..     | 82,535                 | 59,972    | 35,013      | 23,632                 | 15,637                | 8,804     | 225,593    |
| 31st December ..     | 83,794                 | 61,023    | 35,610      | 24,213                 | 15,899                | 9,004     | 229,543    |
| <b>1957—</b>         |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st January ..      | 84,036                 | 61,223    | 35,887      | 24,590                 | 15,794                | 8,959     | 230,489    |
| 28th February ..     | 83,819                 | 61,328    | 36,010      | 24,696                 | 15,417                | 8,938     | 230,208    |
| 31st March ..        | 83,582                 | 61,854    | 36,136      | 24,672                 | 15,325                | 9,011     | 230,580    |
| 30th April ..        | 83,841                 | 62,292    | 36,307      | 24,626                 | 15,447                | 8,972     | 231,485    |
| 31st May ..          | 84,104                 | 63,083    | 36,404      | 24,772                 | 15,519                | 9,024     | 232,906    |
| 30th June ..         | 84,831                 | 64,042    | 36,415      | 24,873                 | 15,488                | 9,010     | 234,659    |
| 31st July p ..       | 85,585                 | 65,040    | 36,522      | 24,898                 | 15,546                | 9,002     | 236,593    |
| 31st August p ..     | 86,530                 | 66,126    | 36,910      | 25,070                 | 15,736                | 8,997     | 239,369    |
| 30th September p     | 88,165                 | 67,163    | 37,303      | 25,303                 | 15,946                | 8,988     | 242,868    |

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Excludes balances outstanding on agreements originally financed by retailers but subsequently assigned to finance companies. At 31st March, 1954, these balances amounted to less than £1 million in Australia.

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# WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

| Period. |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded. |               |        |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
|         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Taxable Goods.                      | Exempt Goods. | Total. |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15.4                                | 21.8          | 37.2   |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.9                                | 23.6          | 40.5   |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.4                                | 23.4          | 39.8   |
| 1945-46 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22.3                                | 33.4          | 55.7   |
| 1946-47 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24.6                                | 42.2          | 66.8   |
| 1947-48 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26.2                                | 53.3          | 79.5   |
| 1948-49 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30.3                                | 63.1          | 93.4   |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38.0                                | 72.2          | 110.2  |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 45.6                                | 94.9          | 140.5  |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52.0                                | 110.1         | 162.1  |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46.3                                | 111.8         | 158.1  |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 57.3                                | 122.2         | 179.5  |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 63.9                                | 141.6         | 205.5  |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 66.5                                | 154.8         | 221.3  |

|           |    |    |      |      |      |     |      | Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax. |       |       |     |     | Monthly Net Sales Recorded. |  |  |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|------|-----|------|--|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|--|--|
|           |    |    |      |      |      |     |      | 10%  | 12½%  | 16⅔%  | 25% | 30% |                             |  |  |
| 1956-57—  |    |    |      |      |      |     |      |  |       |       |     |     |                             |  |  |
| July      | .. | .. | 11.2 | 25.7 | 9.1  | 5.0 | 8.8  | 59.8   | 150.5 | 210.3 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| August    | .. | .. | 12.8 | 29.5 | 9.3  | 6.0 | 9.3  | 66.9   | 170.7 | 237.6 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| September | .. | .. | 12.3 | 28.3 | 8.7  | 5.9 | 9.1  | 64.3   | 165.2 | 229.5 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| October   | .. | .. | 14.3 | 31.9 | 10.3 | 7.1 | 10.7 | 74.3   | 180.4 | 254.7 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| November  | .. | .. | 15.0 | 32.7 | 9.9  | 7.7 | 10.6 | 75.9   | 184.0 | 259.9 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| December  | .. | .. | 14.9 | 31.6 | 8.6  | 7.2 | 9.1  | 71.4   | 163.8 | 235.2 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| January   | .. | .. | 10.1 | 25.5 | 6.7  | 4.4 | 8.0  | 54.7   | 154.5 | 209.2 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| February  | .. | .. | 11.5 | 27.1 | 8.7  | 5.2 | 9.1  | 61.6   | 163.3 | 224.9 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| March     | .. | .. | 12.1 | 27.4 | 9.2  | 5.8 | 9.6  | 64.1   | 169.3 | 233.4 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| April     | .. | .. | 11.3 | 25.4 | 8.9  | 5.7 | 9.4  | 60.7   | 167.1 | 227.8 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| May r     | .. | .. | 13.0 | 28.3 | 9.8  | 6.8 | 11.2 | 69.1   | 183.8 | 252.9 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| June(a) r | .. | .. | 10.5 | 23.5 | 8.2  | 5.9 | 10.1 | 58.2   | 164.4 | 222.6 |     |     |                             |  |  |
| 1957-58-- |    |    |      |      |      |     |      |  |       |       |     |     |                             |  |  |
| July(a)   | .. | .. | 11.5 | 27.3 | 8.6  | 6.9 | 9.8  | 64.1   | 170.5 | 234.6 |     |     |                             |  |  |

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.



# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.             | Producers' Materials for use in— |                      |   |               |               |            |            |               | Fuels<br>and<br>Lubricants. (d) | Auxiliary<br>Aids to<br>Production.<br>(e) | Munitions<br>and War<br>Stores. |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|                     | Building and<br>Construction.    | Rural<br>Industries. | Manufacturing.                          |               | Total.<br>(c) |            |            |               |                                 |  |                                 |
|                     |                                  |                      | Motor<br>Vehicle<br>Assembly. <i>ab</i> | Other.<br>(c) |               |            |            |               |                                 |  |                                 |
|                     |                                  |                      |   |               |               | Class Ia.  | Class Ib.  | Class Ic (5). |                                 |  |                                 |
| Class Ia.           | Class Ib.                        | Class Ic (5).        | Class Ic (1-4).                         | CLASS I.      | Class II.     | Class III. | Class VII. |               |                                 |  |                                 |
| Monthly<br>Average— | %                                | %                    | %                                       | %             | %             | %          | %          | %             | %                               | %  |                                 |
| 1936-37 ..          | 347 4.0                          | 143 1.7              | { (f) (f) }                             | 3,269 38.0    | 3,759 43.7    | 621 7.2    | 415 4.8    | 31 0.4        |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1937-38 ..          | 472 4.4                          | 155 1.5              |   | 4,094 38.6    | 4,721 44.5    | 784 7.4    | 480 4.5    | 36 0.3        |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1938-39 ..          | 385 4.1                          | 171 1.8              |   | 3,448 36.5    | 4,004 42.4    | 736 7.8    | 476 5.1    | 88 0.9        |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1950-51 ..          | 3,408 5.5                        | 415 0.7              | { (f) (f) }                             | 22,231 36.0   | 26,054 42.2   | 5,032 8.1  | 2,929 4.7  | 94 0.2        |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1951-52 ..          | 4,898 5.6                        | 518 0.6              |   | 32,889 37.6   | 38,305 43.8   | 5,902 6.8  | 5,458 6.2  | 1,132 1.3     |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1952-53 ..          | 1,482 3.5                        | 368 0.9              |   | 14,228 33.4   | 16,078 37.8   | 5,313 12.5 | 1,951 4.6  | 755 1.8       |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1953-54 ..          | 1,946 3.4                        | 441 0.8              |   | 19,548 34.6   | 21,935 38.8   | 5,633 10.0 | 1,995 3.5  | 351 0.6       |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1954-55 ..          | 3,044 4.3                        | 517 0.7              |   | 25,691 36.7   | 29,252 41.7   | 4,790 6.9  | 2,503 3.6  | 728 0.9       |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1955-56 ..          | 2,567 3.8                        | 550 0.8              | 5,672 8.3                               | 25,665 37.7   | 34,454 50.6   | 3,889 5.7  | 2,357 3.4  | 1,071 1.6     |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1956-57 ..          | 2,062 3.5                        | 562 0.9              | 4,300 7.2                               | 24,723 41.4   | 31,647 53.0   | 2,342 3.9  | 2,191 3.7  | 745 1.2       |                                 |  |                                 |
| Monthly<br>Total—   |                                  |                      |   |               |               |            |            |               |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1955-56—            |                                  |                      |   |               | (g)           |            |            |               |                                 |  |                                 |
| September           | 2,786 3.7                        | 564 0.8              | 6,566 8.7                               | 26,122 34.9   | 36,038 48.1   | 3,752 5.0  | 3,551 4.7  | 860 1.2       |                                 |  |                                 |
| October ..          | 2,749 4.0                        | 470 0.7              | 4,587 6.7                               | 26,365 38.7   | 34,171 50.1   | 4,816 7.1  | 2,232 3.3  | 733 1.1       |                                 |  |                                 |
| November            | 3,084 4.2                        | 326 0.4              | 5,933 8.1                               | 27,732 37.8   | 37,075 50.5   | 2,863 3.9  | 2,371 3.2  | 815 1.1       |                                 |  |                                 |
| December            | 2,603 4.1                        | 679 1.1              | 4,954 7.8                               | 24,205 38.4   | 32,441 51.4   | 3,571 5.6  | 1,944 3.1  | 960 1.5       |                                 |  |                                 |
| January(h)          | 2,446 3.8                        | 483 0.8              | 5,241 8.3                               | 23,944 37.7   | 32,114 50.6   | 3,811 6.0  | 1,661 2.6  | 876 1.4       |                                 |  |                                 |
| February(h)         | 1,905 3.2                        | 412 0.7              | 5,076 8.6                               | 23,858 40.4   | 31,251 52.9   | 2,971 5.0  | 2,028 3.4  | 839 1.4       |                                 |  |                                 |
| March(h) ..         | 2,597 3.2                        | 520 0.6              | 8,028 10.0                              | 29,917 37.2   | 41,062 51.0   | 3,364 4.2  | 2,553 3.1  | 1,515 1.9     |                                 |  |                                 |
| April ..            | 2,452 3.6                        | 424 0.6              | 5,838 8.6                               | 25,566 37.6   | 34,280 50.4   | 3,255 4.8  | 2,395 3.5  | 822 1.2       |                                 |  |                                 |
| May ..              | 2,456 3.4                        | 934 1.3              | 6,085 8.5                               | 26,112 36.5   | 35,587 49.7   | 4,258 6.0  | 2,731 3.8  | 2,356 3.3     |                                 |  |                                 |
| June ..             | 1,866 2.9                        | 441 0.7              | 5,817 9.2                               | 24,407 38.5   | 32,531 51.3   | 3,104 4.9  | 1,507 2.4  | 840 1.3       |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1956-57 p—          |                                  |                      |   |               |               |            |            |               |                                 |  |                                 |
| July ..             | 1,997 3.5                        | 521 0.9              | 4,799 8.4                               | 22,717 39.6   | 30,034 52.4   | 1,955 3.4  | 2,443 4.3  | 243 0.4       |                                 |  |                                 |
| August ..           | 2,683 3.4                        | 631 0.8              | 7,486 9.5                               | 29,679 37.7   | 40,479 51.4   | 2,826 3.6  | 3,116 4.0  | 1,581 2.0     |                                 |  |                                 |
| September           | 2,298 4.3                        | 652 1.2              | 3,915 7.3                               | 20,316 37.9   | 27,181 50.7   | 2,602 4.8  | 1,948 3.6  | 698 1.3       |                                 |  |                                 |
| October ..          | 2,166 3.8                        | 648 1.1              | 4,443 7.8                               | 22,202 38.9   | 29,459 51.6   | 2,704 4.7  | 2,293 4.0  | 1,108 1.9     |                                 |  |                                 |
| November            | 2,352 4.0                        | 591 1.0              | 4,827 8.1                               | 23,840 39.9   | 31,610 53.0   | 3,208 5.4  | 1,819 3.0  | 727 1.2       |                                 |  |                                 |
| December            | 2,021 3.9                        | 490 1.0              | 2,970 5.7                               | 22,046 42.4   | 27,527 53.0   | 1,789 3.4  | 2,203 4.2  | 523 1.0       |                                 |  |                                 |
| January ..          | 2,440 3.9                        | 432 0.7              | 3,022 4.8                               | 27,719 44.2   | 33,613 53.6   | 2,274 3.6  | 1,935 3.1  | 918 1.5       |                                 |  |                                 |
| February ..         | 1,407 2.8                        | 406 0.8              | 3,067 6.0                               | 22,742 44.6   | 27,622 54.2   | 2,017 4.0  | 1,996 4.0  | 739 1.5       |                                 |  |                                 |
| March ..            | 1,818 3.1                        | 611 1.0              | 3,853 6.6                               | 23,920 40.8   | 30,202 51.5   | 1,970 3.4  | 2,019 3.4  | 682 1.2       |                                 |  |                                 |
| April ..            | 1,999 3.3                        | 570 0.9              | 3,947 6.5                               | 25,282 41.5   | 31,798 52.2   | 2,525 4.1  | 2,576 4.2  | 431 0.7       |                                 |  |                                 |
| May ..              | 1,770 2.6                        | 652 0.9              | 4,891 7.1                               | 31,399 45.4   | 38,712 56.0   | 2,468 3.6  | 2,513 3.6  | 805 1.2       |                                 |  |                                 |
| June ..             | 1,799 3.2                        | 538 1.0              | 4,377 7.8                               | 24,815 44.4   | 31,529 56.4   | 1,783 3.2  | 1,430 2.6  | 481 0.9       |                                 |  |                                 |
| 1957-58 p—          |                                  |                      |   |               |               |            |            |               |                                 |  |                                 |
| July ..             | 2,135 3.0                        | 690 1.0              | 4,687 6.7                               | 30,324 42.9   | 37,836 53.6   | 2,371 3.4  | 2,793 4.0  | 718 1.0       |                                 |  |                                 |
| August ..           | 1,846 2.7                        | 728 1.1              | 4,801 7.1                               | 28,144 41.5   | 35,519 52.4   | 2,471 3.6  | 2,185 3.2  | 742 1.2       |                                 |  |                                 |
| September           | 1,151 2.0                        | 516 0.9              | 3,655 6.4                               | 23,872 42.0   | 29,194 51.3   | 1,324 2.3  | 2,077 3.7  | 588 1.1       |                                 |  |                                 |

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts.

(c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are now recorded in classes VI E-J and III, respectively. Prior to issue No. 227 these goods were recorded in classes VI E-J and III, only for those periods subsequent to June, 1956.

(d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c).

(f) Included in class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955 excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in class IC (5). (h) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, — see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Capital Equipment.    |      |   |      |   |     | Finished Consumer Goods.     |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|---|------|---|-----|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|----------------|------|-----------|------|
|                         | Producers' Equipment. |      | Transport Equipment.                          |      |   |     | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. |     | Clothing and Accessories. |     | All Other.     |      | Total.    |      |
|                         |                       |      | Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis. |      | Railway Equipment Vessels and Civil Aircraft. |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
|                         |                       |      |   |      |   |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
|                         | Class IV.             |      | Class V. B.                                   |      | Class V. A, C, D.                             |     | Class VI. A, B, C.           |     | Class VI. D.              |     | Class VI. E-J. |      | Class VI. |      |
|                         |                       | %    |   | %    |   | %   |                              | %   |                           | %   |                | %    |           | %    |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                       |      |   |      |   |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| 1936-37 ..              | 884                   | 10.3 | 872   | 10.1 | 146   | 1.7 | 516                          | 6.0 | 46                        | 0.5 | 1,316          | 15.3 | 1,878     | 21.8 |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,149                 | 10.8 | 1,161   | 11.0 | 205   | 1.9 | 531                          | 5.0 | 68                        | 0.6 | 1,480          | 14.0 | 2,079     | 19.6 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,104                 | 11.7 | 899   | 9.5  | 119   | 1.3 | 564                          | 6.0 | 84                        | 0.9 | 1,361          | 14.4 | 2,009     | 21.3 |
| 1950-51 ..              | 6,679                 | 10.8 | 9,245   | 15.0 | 1,137   | 1.8 | 2,873                        | 4.7 | 745                       | 1.2 | 6,993          | 11.3 | 10,611    | 17.2 |
| 1951-52 ..              | 9,960                 | 11.4 | 10,942  | 12.5 | 1,661   | 1.9 | 3,074                        | 3.5 | 1,149                     | 1.3 | 9,896          | 11.3 | 14,119    | 16.1 |
| 1952-53 ..              | 8,409                 | 19.8 | 3,569   | 8.3  | 1,703   | 4.0 | 1,917                        | 4.5 | 130                       | 0.3 | 2,704          | 6.4  | 4,751     | 11.2 |
| 1953-54 ..              | 9,474                 | 16.8 | 5,769   | 10.2 | 1,552   | 2.7 | 2,658                        | 4.7 | 446                       | 0.8 | 6,736          | 11.9 | 9,840     | 17.4 |
| 1954-55 ..              | 10,289                | 14.8 | 7,377   | 10.5 | 1,824   | 2.6 | 3,236                        | 4.6 | 614                       | 0.9 | 9,468          | 13.5 | 13,318    | 19.0 |
| 1955-56 ..              | 11,174                | 16.4 | (b)1,784                                      | 2.6  | 1,841   | 2.7 | 2,276                        | 3.3 | 491                       | 0.7 | 8,854          | 13.0 | 11,621    | 17.0 |
| 1956-57 ..              | 10,132                | 17.0 | 958   | 1.6  | 1,615   | 2.7 | 2,388                        | 4.0 | 281                       | 0.5 | 7,431          | 12.4 | 10,100    | 16.9 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                       |      |   |      |   |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| 1955-56—                |                       |      | (b)   |      |   |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| September               | 12,573                | 16.8 | 2,042   | 2.7  | 1,546   | 2.1 | 2,822                        | 3.8 | 572                       | 0.7 | 11,138         | 14.9 | 14,532    | 19.4 |
| October ..              | 10,298                | 15.1 | 1,623   | 2.4  | 1,388   | 2.0 | 2,713                        | 4.0 | 596                       | 0.9 | 9,569          | 14.0 | 12,878    | 18.9 |
| November                | 12,913                | 17.6 | 2,230   | 3.1  | 1,459   | 2.0 | 2,885                        | 3.9 | 474                       | 0.7 | 10,286         | 14.0 | 13,645    | 18.6 |
| December                | 10,932                | 17.3 | 1,695   | 2.7  | 1,151   | 1.8 | 2,418                        | 3.8 | 386                       | 0.6 | 7,697          | 12.2 | 10,501    | 16.6 |
| January(c)              | 10,566                | 16.7 | 2,126   | 3.4  | 1,337   | 2.1 | 2,116                        | 3.3 | 522                       | 0.8 | 8,304          | 13.1 | 10,942    | 17.2 |
| February(c)             | 10,076                | 17.1 | 1,581   | 2.7  | 1,479   | 2.5 | 1,575                        | 2.7 | 535                       | 0.9 | 6,795          | 11.4 | 8,905     | 15.0 |
| March(c)                | 13,354                | 16.6 | 2,064   | 2.6  | 3,096   | 3.8 | 3,126                        | 3.9 | 766                       | 1.0 | 9,632          | 11.9 | 13,524    | 16.8 |
| April ..                | 11,971                | 17.6 | 1,449   | 2.2  | 2,268   | 3.3 | 2,846                        | 4.2 | 475                       | 0.7 | 8,203          | 12.1 | 11,524    | 17.0 |
| May ..                  | 12,253                | 17.1 | 1,515   | 2.1  | 1,625   | 2.3 | 1,849                        | 2.6 | 357                       | 0.5 | 9,036          | 12.6 | 11,242    | 15.7 |
| June ..                 | 10,711                | 16.9 | 1,750   | 2.8  | 2,641   | 4.2 | 1,961                        | 3.1 | 285                       | 0.4 | 8,041          | 12.7 | 10,287    | 16.2 |
| 1956-57 p—              |                       |      |   |      |   |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| July ..                 | 9,735                 | 17.0 | 1,119   | 1.9  | 2,282   | 4.0 | 2,233                        | 3.9 | 212                       | 0.4 | 7,040          | 12.3 | 9,485     | 16.6 |
| August ..               | 13,676                | 17.3 | 1,578   | 2.0  | 1,547   | 2.0 | 2,807                        | 3.6 | 502                       | 0.6 | 10,661         | 13.5 | 13,970    | 17.7 |
| September               | 8,542                 | 15.9 | 1,121   | 2.1  | 2,473   | 4.6 | 2,139                        | 4.0 | 264                       | 0.5 | 6,721          | 12.5 | 9,124     | 17.0 |
| October ..              | 8,822                 | 15.5 | 845   | 1.5  | 1,841   | 3.2 | 2,054                        | 3.6 | 370                       | 0.7 | 7,593          | 13.3 | 10,017    | 17.6 |
| November                | 9,975                 | 16.7 | 970   | 1.7  | 1,270   | 2.1 | 2,102                        | 3.5 | 267                       | 0.4 | 7,741          | 13.0 | 10,110    | 16.9 |
| December                | 8,220                 | 15.8 | 771   | 1.5  | 1,783   | 3.4 | 2,039                        | 3.9 | 192                       | 0.4 | 7,015          | 13.4 | 9,246     | 17.7 |
| January ..              | 10,290                | 16.4 | 823   | 1.3  | 1,297   | 2.1 | 3,468                        | 5.5 | 302                       | 0.5 | 7,676          | 12.4 | 11,446    | 18.4 |
| February                | 8,762                 | 17.2 | 862   | 1.7  | 982   | 1.9 | 2,313                        | 4.5 | 241                       | 0.5 | 5,522          | 10.5 | 8,076     | 15.5 |
| March ..                | 10,952                | 18.7 | 793   | 1.3  | 1,793   | 3.1 | 2,876                        | 4.9 | 306                       | 0.5 | 7,036          | 12.0 | 10,218    | 17.4 |
| April ..                | 10,678                | 17.6 | 736   | 1.2  | 1,739   | 2.9 | 2,813                        | 4.6 | 297                       | 0.5 | 7,289          | 12.0 | 10,399    | 17.1 |
| May ..                  | 12,363                | 17.9 | 1,054   | 1.5  | 1,078   | 1.5 | 1,944                        | 2.8 | 252                       | 0.4 | 7,951          | 11.5 | 10,147    | 14.7 |
| June ..                 | 9,573                 | 17.1 | 826   | 1.5  | 1,306   | 2.3 | 1,870                        | 3.3 | 168                       | 0.3 | 6,896          | 12.4 | 8,934     | 16.0 |
| 1957-58 p—              |                       |      |   |      |   |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| July ..                 | 12,911                | 18.2 | 1,377   | 2.0  | 1,456   | 2.0 | 1,887                        | 2.7 | 332                       | 0.5 | 8,924          | 12.6 | 11,143    | 15.8 |
| August ..               | 12,478                | 18.4 | 1,241   | 1.8  | 1,886   | 2.7 | 1,921                        | 2.8 | 320                       | 0.5 | 9,108          | 13.4 | 11,349    | 16.7 |
| September               | 10,832                | 19.8 | 1,031   | 1.8  | 903   | 1.6 | 1,919                        | 3.4 | 440                       | 0.8 | 8,564          | 15.0 | 10,923    | 19.2 |

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page i8. (b) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class Ic. (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Producers' Materials.<br>(Class I.) (a) |                     |                          | Finished Consumer Goods.<br>(Class VI.) (b) |                     |                          | Total Imports of Merchandise.<br>(All Classes.) |                     |                          |        |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|--------|
|                         | Crude.                                  | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude                                       | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.  | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |        |
| 1936-37 ..              | 1,024                                   | 373                 | 2,362                    | 45  | 303                 | 1,530                    | 1,069   | 1,505               | 6,032                    | 8,606  |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,241                                   | 449                 | 3,031                    | 48  | 300                 | 1,731                    | 1,289   | 1,796               | 7,530                    | 10,615 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,100                                   | 351                 | 2,553                    | 55  | 309                 | 1,645                    | 1,155   | 1,627               | 6,653                    | 9,435  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 7,007                                   | 3,178               | 15,869                   | 273   | 1,600               | 8,738                    | 7,280   | 10,954              | 43,547                   | 61,781 |
| 1951-52 ..              | 7,788                                   | 4,788               | 25,729                   | 359   | 1,446               | 12,314                   | 8,147   | 13,933              | 65,399                   | 87,479 |
| 1952-53 ..              | 4,712                                   | 2,195               | 9,171                    | 251   | 1,182               | 3,318                    | 4,963   | 9,443               | 28,123                   | 42,529 |
| 1953-54 ..              | 6,260                                   | 3,189               | 12,486                   | 385   | 1,471               | 7,984                    | 6,645   | 11,384              | 38,520                   | 56,549 |
| 1954-55 ..              | 8,818                                   | 4,986               | 15,448                   | 428   | 2,082               | 10,808                   | 9,246   | 13,167              | 47,668                   | 70,081 |
| 1955-56 ..              | 10,095                                  | 4,557               | 19,802                   | 423   | 1,191               | 10,007                   | 10,518  | 10,913              | 46,760                   | 68,191 |
| 1956-57 ..              | 10,650                                  | 4,740               | 16,256                   | 497   | 1,450               | 8,149                    | 11,147  | 9,623               | 38,960                   | 59,730 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |        |
| 1955-56—                |   |                     | (c)                      |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |        |
| September ..            | 8,169                                   | 4,650               | 23,219                   | 348   | 1,646               | 12,538                   | 8,517   | 11,503              | 54,874                   | 74,894 |
| October ..              | 8,226                                   | 5,623               | 20,322                   | 341   | 1,638               | 10,899                   | 8,567   | 13,324              | 46,248                   | 68,139 |
| November ..             | 10,787                                  | 4,675               | 21,613                   | 571   | 1,473               | 11,601                   | 11,358  | 10,384              | 51,629                   | 73,371 |
| December ..             | 10,549                                  | 4,241               | 17,651                   | 233   | 1,450               | 8,818                    | 10,782  | 10,481              | 41,932                   | 63,195 |
| January(d) ..           | 9,441                                   | 4,241               | 18,432                   | 615   | 759                 | 9,568                    | 10,056  | 9,975               | 43,402                   | 63,433 |
| February(d) ..          | 10,492                                  | 4,259               | 16,500                   | 221   | 930                 | 7,754                    | 10,713  | 9,268               | 39,149                   | 59,130 |
| March(d) ..             | 13,331                                  | 4,719               | 23,012                   | 676   | 1,744               | 11,103                   | 14,007  | 11,392              | 55,133                   | 80,532 |
| April ..                | 10,066                                  | 5,007               | 19,207                   | 547   | 1,705               | 9,273                    | 10,613  | 11,279              | 46,072                   | 67,964 |
| May ..                  | 10,215                                  | 4,671               | 20,701                   | 382   | 1,048               | 9,813                    | 10,597  | 11,383              | 49,587                   | 71,567 |
| June ..                 | 9,322                                   | 4,594               | 18,615                   | 384   | 1,083               | 8,810                    | 9,706   | 9,993               | 43,672                   | 63,371 |
| 1956-57 p—              |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |        |
| July ..                 | 9,236                                   | 4,385               | 16,413                   | 385   | 1,459               | 7,641                    | 9,621   | 8,847               | 38,828                   | 57,296 |
| August ..               | 10,031                                  | 6,516               | 23,932                   | 404   | 1,905               | 11,661                   | 10,435  | 12,791              | 55,547                   | 78,773 |
| September ..            | 8,996                                   | 4,177               | 14,008                   | 548   | 1,250               | 7,326                    | 9,544   | 9,052               | 35,093                   | 53,689 |
| October ..              | 10,095                                  | 4,279               | 15,085                   | 426   | 1,038               | 8,553                    | 10,521  | 9,046               | 37,522                   | 57,089 |
| November ..             | 11,398                                  | 3,832               | 16,380                   | 354   | 1,240               | 8,516                    | 11,752  | 9,401               | 38,536                   | 59,689 |
| December ..             | 10,858                                  | 3,657               | 13,012                   | 613   | 1,071               | 7,562                    | 11,471  | 7,409               | 33,182                   | 52,062 |
| January ..              | 12,274                                  | 5,120               | 16,219                   | 572   | 2,314               | 8,560                    | 12,846  | 10,798              | 38,952                   | 62,595 |
| February ..             | 10,511                                  | 4,162               | 12,949                   | 405   | 1,544               | 6,127                    | 10,916  | 8,599               | 31,541                   | 51,056 |
| March ..                | 10,671                                  | 4,467               | 15,064                   | 687   | 1,755               | 7,776                    | 11,358  | 9,233               | 38,038                   | 58,629 |
| April ..                | 10,220                                  | 5,443               | 16,135                   | 572   | 1,760               | 8,057                    | 10,792  | 10,835              | 39,255                   | 60,882 |
| May ..                  | 13,494                                  | 6,022               | 19,196                   | 538   | 1,102               | 8,507                    | 14,032  | 10,846              | 44,262                   | 69,140 |
| June ..                 | 10,016                                  | 4,826               | 16,687                   | 465   | 965                 | 7,504                    | 10,481  | 8,618               | 36,763                   | 55,862 |
| 1957-58 p—              |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |        |
| July ..                 | 12,119                                  | 6,433               | 19,284                   | 464   | 1,021               | 9,658                    | 12,583  | 11,120              | 46,902                   | 70,605 |
| August ..               | 10,164                                  | 6,107               | 19,248                   | 473   | 1,023               | 9,853                    | 10,637  | 10,861              | 46,373                   | 67,871 |
| September ..            | 8,794                                   | 5,151               | 15,249                   | 440   | 1,229               | 9,254                    | 9,234   | 8,759               | 38,879                   | 56,872 |

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

(a) See note (c) page 18.

(b) See note (a) page 19.

(c) See note (g) page 18.

(d) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Meats.   | Butter. | Wheat and Flour. | Fresh Fruits. | Dried Fruits. | Sugar and Sugar Syrups. | Hides and Skins. | Wool.   | Lead. | Total Exports of Merchandise. |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |         |       |                               |
| 1936-37.. ..            | (a)861   | 734     | 2,029            | 165           | 172           | 309                     | 609              | 5,209   | 402   | 12,316                        |
| 1937-38.. ..            | (a)1,021 | 898     | 2,245            | 171           | 224           | 336                     | 516              | 3,915   | 409   | 11,719                        |
| 1938-39.. ..            | (a)982   | 1,074   | 1,106            | 169           | 239           | 348                     | 342              | 3,561   | 356   | 10,128                        |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 2,533    | 1,539   | 8,921            | 477           | 389           | 1,240                   | 2,272            | 52,779  | 1,796 | 81,591                        |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 2,957    | 383     | 7,359            | 572           | 472           | 586                     | 1,428            | 26,953  | 2,156 | 55,437                        |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 5,481    | 1,675   | 7,449            | 791           | 669           | 1,805                   | 1,677            | 33,576  | 2,116 | 70,708                        |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 4,816    | 1,338   | 5,053            | 774           | 617           | 2,639                   | 1,620            | 34,202  | 2,004 | 67,655                        |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 5,290    | 2,049   | 5,461            | 731           | 703           | 2,604                   | 1,642            | 29,426  | 2,070 | 63,170                        |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 5,039    | 2,414   | 5,513            | 761           | 650           | 2,070                   | 1,747            | 28,127  | 2,162 | 64,236                        |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 4,254    | 2,158   | 6,861            | 716           | 556           | 2,457                   | 2,029            | 40,379  | 2,463 | 81,251                        |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |         |       |                               |
| 1955-56—                |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |         |       |                               |
| September ..            | 4,863    | 1,068   | 4,569            | 122           | 958           | 3,267                   | 1,988            | 17,512  | 2,896 | 51,434                        |
| October ..              | 6,478    | 3,399   | 4,582            | 143           | 211           | 2,267                   | 1,668            | 30,488  | 1,799 | 65,616                        |
| November ..             | 8,328    | 3,689   | 5,519            | 195           | 125           | 3,695                   | 1,943            | 37,941  | 2,666 | 77,947                        |
| December ..             | 7,777    | 4,232   | 3,823            | 55            | 534           | 1,608                   | 2,132            | 37,007  | 2,034 | 72,422                        |
| January(b) ..           | 5,085    | 3,224   | 4,906            | 19            | 131           | 1,471                   | 1,556            | 23,395  | 1,379 | 55,449                        |
| February(b) ..          | 995      | 106     | 2,754            | 50            | 14            | 1,033                   | 456              | 8,231   | 283   | 19,985                        |
| March(b) ..             | 3,601    | 3,203   | 8,387            | 713           | 79            | 1,955                   | 2,211            | 40,136  | 2,147 | 77,537                        |
| April ..                | 4,594    | 2,416   | 5,848            | 1,987         | 972           | 2,886                   | 1,713            | 34,622  | 2,651 | 678,031                       |
| May ..                  | 4,501    | 2,345   | 7,041            | 3,510         | 1,258         | 2,510                   | 2,008            | 40,134  | 2,858 | 689,937                       |
| June ..                 | 4,045    | 2,406   | 8,596            | 1,450         | 1,036         | 856                     | 1,375            | 29,902  | 1,659 | 672,862                       |
| 1956-57 p—              |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |         |       |                               |
| July ..                 | 3,612    | 1,623   | 7,333            | 316           | 553           | 715                     | 1,399            | 27,688  | 1,809 | 60,920                        |
| August ..               | 4,174    | 2,196   | 7,608            | 241           | 533           | 2,356                   | 1,946            | 16,192  | 3,333 | 57,269                        |
| September ..            | 4,618    | 1,821   | 8,139            | 106           | 588           | 3,135                   | 1,829            | 21,379  | 2,078 | 60,096                        |
| October ..              | 4,448    | 3,708   | 8,758            | 334           | 444           | 3,778                   | 2,220            | 45,472  | 4,201 | 95,308                        |
| November ..             | 4,345    | 2,967   | 8,527            | 156           | 114           | 4,641                   | 2,130            | 48,199  | 2,899 | 93,563                        |
| December ..             | 3,823    | 2,691   | 6,158            | 42            | 102           | 2,532                   | 1,893            | 41,771  | 2,316 | 75,995                        |
| January ..              | 4,232    | 4,979   | 8,586            | 35            | 8             | 2,129                   | 1,787            | 42,803  | 2,320 | 87,699                        |
| February ..             | 4,264    | 2,195   | 5,534            | 138           | 44            | 4,417                   | 2,073            | 48,223  | 3,630 | 89,349                        |
| March ..                | 3,565    | 1,177   | 7,873            | 727           | 17            | 1,719                   | 1,824            | 58,532  | 2,041 | 97,938                        |
| April ..                | 2,870    | 765     | 4,924            | 2,406         | 506           | 1,891                   | 2,350            | 50,401  | 2,018 | 87,928                        |
| May ..                  | 4,944    | 1,306   | 4,146            | 3,383         | 2,348         | 826                     | 2,288            | 43,822  | 1,708 | 90,726                        |
| June ..                 | 6,156    | 466     | 4,746            | 703           | 1,414         | 1,351                   | 2,606            | 40,064  | 1,202 | 78,226                        |
| 1957-58 p—              |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |         |       |                               |
| July ..                 | r6,182   | 412     | 3,378            | 381           | 1,191         | 2,338                   | r2,131           | r32,729 | 1,433 | r71,195                       |
| August ..               | 4,762    | r795    | r4,970           | 199           | 1,158         | 5,770                   | 2,832            | r17,451 | 2,362 | r59,771                       |
| September ..            | 5,616    | 1,350   | 4,768            | 40            | 1,118         | 7,184                   | 2,385            | 30,596  | 2,226 | 77,071                        |

(a) Includes soups. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.  | Wool.          | Wheat.         | Butter.        | Metals.<br>(a) | Meats.<br>(b) | Sugar.       | Dried<br>Fruits.<br>(c) | Tallow.      | Hides.<br>(d) | Gold.<br>(e) | All Groups.    |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
|  |                |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |              | Excl.<br>Gold. | Incl.<br>Gold. |
| Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate. } (f) (g) | 45.63<br>49.05 | 17.06<br>18.34 | 11.36<br>12.21 | 6.83<br>7.34   | 6.63<br>7.13  | 2.40<br>2.58 | 1.81<br>1.94            | 0.64<br>0.69 | 0.66<br>0.72  | 6.98<br>..   | 100.00         | 100.00         |
| 1936-37 ..   | 122            | 123            | 92             | 120            | 98            | 104          | 103                     | 122          | 113           | 99           | 116            | 115            |
| 1937-38 ..   | 99             | 111            | 107            | 96             | 106           | 92           | 103                     | 100          | 100           | 98           | 102            | 102            |
| 1938-39 ..   | 79             | 66             | 101            | 84             | 96            | 104          | 94                      | 78           | 87            | 103          | 82             | 83             |
| 1950-51 ..   | 999            | 432            | 271            | 689            | 209           | 410          | 226                     | 356          | 752           | 176          | 690            | 654            |
| 1951-52 ..   | 564            | 436            | 291            | 811            | 263           | 464          | 302                     | 451          | 486           | 184          | 495            | 473            |
| 1952-53 ..   | 616            | 445            | 313            | 504            | 314           | 501          | 297                     | 358          | 369           | 186          | 505            | 483            |
| 1953-54 ..   | 615            | 411            | 325            | 450            | 338           | 479          | 287                     | 321          | 336           | 179          | 496            | 474            |
| 1954-55 ..   | 538            | 357            | 313            | 511            | 344           | 445          | 267                     | 349          | 218           | 178          | 450            | 431            |
| 1955-56 ..   | 464            | 324            | 320            | 562            | 355           | r450         | 286                     | 353          | 238           | 178          | 414            | 397            |
| 1956-57 ..   | 578            | 327            | 250            | 545            | p368          | r501         | 319                     | 357          | 240           | 178          | pr464          | pr444          |
| 1955-56—   |                |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |              |                |                |
| September ..   | 437            | 334            | 313            | 545            | 398           | 468          | 278                     | 344          | 235           | 178          | 404            | 388            |
| October ..   | 437            | 329            | 337            | 543            | 408           | 454          | 282                     | 351          | 238           | 178          | 406            | 390            |
| November ..  | 437            | 323            | 364            | 549            | 383           | 454          | 284                     | 366          | 227           | 178          | 407            | 391            |
| December ..  | 453            | 315            | 368            | 575            | 364           | 454          | 283                     | 365          | 232           | 178          | 414            | 398            |
| January ..   | 460            | 313            | 361            | 590            | 348           | r439         | 285                     | 356          | 239           | 178          | 416            | 400            |
| February ..  | 460            | 311            | 328            | 592            | 331           | r438         | 288                     | 364          | 240           | 178          | 411            | 395            |
| March ..   | 453            | 312            | 304            | 592            | 322           | r442         | 292                     | 364          | 247           | 178          | 404            | 388            |
| April ..   | 468            | 310            | 273            | 579            | 317           | r443         | 293                     | 354          | 248           | 178          | 406            | 390            |
| May ..   | 498            | 316            | 265            | 556            | 324           | r432         | 302                     | 344          | 241           | 178          | 420            | 403            |
| June ..  | (h)505         | 317            | 299            | 548            | 335           | r439         | 317                     | 347          | 252           | 178          | 428            | 411            |
| 1956-57—   |                |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |              |                |                |
| July ..  | 490            | 323            | 272            | 549            | 343           | r446         | 320                     | 355          | 250           | 178          | r420           | 403            |
| August ..  | 520            | 326            | 261            | 558            | 347           | r443         | 322                     | 352          | 244           | 178          | 434            | 417            |
| September ..   | 566            | 326            | 284            | 562            | 353           | r439         | 323                     | 360          | 243           | 178          | 460            | 441            |
| October ..   | 551            | 330            | 260            | 559            | 361           | r436         | 323                     | 354          | 245           | 178          | 451            | 432            |
| November ..  | 581            | 328            | 252            | 569            | 357           | r439         | 316                     | 352          | 247           | 178          | 465            | 445            |
| December ..  | 588            | 329            | 242            | 566            | p360          | r435         | 315                     | 361          | 237           | 178          | p467           | p447           |
| January ..   | 596            | 332            | 227            | 570            | p385          | r439         | 311                     | 359          | 226           | 178          | p472           | pr451          |
| February ..  | 611            | 335            | 222            | 557            | p388          | r473         | h309                    | 360          | 234           | 178          | p479           | p458           |
| March ..   | 596            | 327            | 218            | 555            | p372          | r568         | 309                     | 359          | 248           | 178          | pr471          | pr451          |
| April ..   | 618            | 321            | 224            | 548            | p382          | r620         | h321                    | 357          | 234           | 178          | p483           | p462           |
| May ..   | 626            | 319            | 256            | 495            | p398          | r631         | 327                     | 359          | 238           | 178          | p488           | pr467          |
| June ..  | 596            | 322            | 284            | 451            | p373          | r642         | 329                     | 362          | 239           | 178          | pr473          | pr452          |
| 1957-58—   |                |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |              |                |                |
| July ..  | h p596         | p331           | 278            | 445            | p351          | p577         | p325                    | p347         | 240           | 178          | p470           | p450           |
| August ..  | p551           | p342           | 274            | 448            | p345          | p622         | p326                    | p355         | 239           | 178          | p450           | p431           |
| September ..   | p543           | p344           | 274            | 441            | p333          | p571         | p330                    | p363         | 242           | 178          | p445           | p426           |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.  
(c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For all Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.



# EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

## RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 22 hereof shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.         | 1950-51. |               |             | 1951-52. |               |             | 1952-53. |               |             | 1953-54. |               |             |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|                 | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| July ..         | a592     | 333           | 451         | a717     | 400           | 544         | a566     | 381           | 465         | a641     | 369           | 493         |
| August ..       | 864      | 340           | 579         | 551      | 400           | 468         | a566     | 380           | 465         | a634     | 367           | 488         |
| September ..    | 890      | 355           | 599         | 498      | 400           | 445         | 551      | 379           | 457         | 626      | 365           | 484         |
| October ..      | 890      | 360           | 602         | 686      | 403           | 532         | 588      | 370           | 469         | 634      | 363           | 486         |
| November ..     | 965      | 366           | 639         | 603      | 398           | 492         | 588      | 368           | 469         | 634      | 360           | 485         |
| December ..     | 973      | 366           | 643         | 581      | 403           | 484         | 618      | 376           | 486         | 611      | 358           | 473         |
| January ..      | 1,252    | 368           | 771         | 566      | 402           | 477         | 618      | 376           | 486         | 603      | 354           | 468         |
| February ..     | 1,339    | 369           | 811         | 520      | 402           | 456         | 626      | 371           | 487         | 581      | 350           | 455         |
| March ..        | 1,437    | 377           | 860         | 460      | 400           | 427         | 656      | 369           | 500         | 581      | 351           | 456         |
| April ..        | 1,094    | 384           | 708         | 475      | 397           | 432         | 671      | 363           | 503         | a596     | 348           | 461         |
| May ..          | 973      | 385           | 653         | 543      | 385           | 457         | 701      | 361           | 516         | 618      | 346           | 470         |
| June ..         | 717      | 383           | 535         | 566      | 376           | 463         | 641      | 363           | 490         | 622      | 346           | 472         |
| Average of Year | 999      | 365           | 654         | 564      | 397           | 473         | 616      | 371           | 483         | 615      | 356           | 474         |

| Period          | 1954-55. |               |             | 1955-56. |               |             | 1956-57. |               |             | 1957-58. |               |             |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|                 | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| July ..         | a622     | 338           | 468         | a505     | 347           | 419         | 490      | r330          | 403         | a p596   | p327          | p450        |
| August ..       | 566      | 338           | 442         | 453      | 347           | 395         | 520      | 330           | 417         | p551     | p331          | p431        |
| September ..    | 566      | 339           | 442         | 437      | 347           | 388         | 566      | 336           | 441         | p543     | p328          | p426        |
| October ..      | 536      | 344           | 431         | 437      | 351           | 390         | 551      | r332          | 432         |          |               |             |
| November ..     | 513      | 343           | 421         | 437      | 352           | 391         | 581      | 331           | 445         |          |               |             |
| December ..     | 532      | 348           | 432         | 453      | 352           | 398         | 588      | p329          | p447        |          |               |             |
| January ..      | 520      | 345           | 425         | 460      | 349           | 400         | 596      | pr330         | pr451       |          |               |             |
| February ..     | 528      | 342           | 427         | 460      | 340           | 395         | 611      | pr330         | p458        |          |               |             |
| March ..        | 528      | 341           | 426         | 453      | r335          | 388         | 596      | pr329         | pr451       |          |               |             |
| April ..        | 520      | 340           | 422         | 468      | 325           | 390         | 618      | pr331         | p462        |          |               |             |
| May ..          | 520      | 340           | 422         | 498      | r323          | 403         | 626      | pr333         | pr467       |          |               |             |
| June ..         | 505      | 343           | 417         | a505     | r331          | 411         | 596      | pr332         | pr452       |          |               |             |
| Average of Year | 538      | 342           | 431         | 464      | 342           | 397         | 578      | pr331         | pr444       |          |               |             |

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the index numbers below. In computing these the "quantity multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are :—

| All Groups.       | Month of September. |       | Three months ended September. |       |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                   | 1956.               | 1957. | 1956.                         | 1957. |
| Excluding Wool .. | 100                 | 100   | 100                           | 99    |
| Including Wool .. | 100                 | 97    | 100                           | 99    |

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.     | Basic Materials.        |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        | Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.  |                                   |   |                          |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|             | Metals and Coal.<br>(a) | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. | Foodstuffs and Tobacco.<br>(c) | Goods principally Imported<br>(b) | Goods principally Home Produced.<br>(c) | Total All Groups.<br>(c) |
| 1936-37 ..  | 96                      | 99                    | 118       | 99         | 111               | 99                  | 99     | 98                             | 99                                | 98                                      | 99                       |
| 1937-38 ..  | 101                     | 101                   | 100       | 100        | 97                | 104                 | 102    | 102                            | 102                               | 101                                     | 101                      |
| 1938-39 ..  | 103                     | 100                   | 82        | 101        | 92                | 97                  | 99     | 101                            | 99                                | 100                                     | 100                      |
| 1950-51 ..  | 256                     | 196                   | 641       | 242        | 292               | 268                 | 264    | 229                            | 256                               | 240                                     | 244                      |
| 1951-52 ..  | 343                     | 220                   | 577       | 314        | 298               | 370                 | 321    | 276                            | 288                               | 300                                     | 297                      |
| 1952-53 ..  | 392                     | 234                   | 607       | 350        | 224               | 404                 | 350    | 293                            | 292                               | 331                                     | 319                      |
| 1953-54 ..  | 388                     | 222                   | 566       | 323        | 191               | 363                 | 332    | 308                            | 271                               | 339                                     | 319                      |
| 1954-55 ..  | 391                     | 214                   | 510       | 314        | 246               | 372                 | 330    | 315                            | 277                               | 340                                     | 322                      |
| 1955-56 ..  | 404                     | 220                   | 456       | 317        | 328               | 415                 | 345    | 325                            | 292                               | 352                                     | 334                      |
| 1956-57 ..  | 409                     | 241                   | 520       | 344        | 302               | 463                 | 367    | 324                            | 311                               | 357                                     | 344                      |
| 1955-56—    |                         |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                                |                                   |   |                          |
| September.. | 405                     | 215                   | 441       | 315        | 333               | 398                 | 340    | 327                            | 290                               | 351                                     | 333                      |
| October ..  | 405                     | 215                   | 441       | 315        | 336               | 398                 | 340    | 324                            | 289                               | 350                                     | 332                      |
| November..  | 404                     | 216                   | 437       | 317        | 347               | 407                 | 342    | 320                            | 291                               | 346                                     | 330                      |
| December .. | 404                     | 216                   | 447       | 317        | 342               | 407                 | 342    | 319                            | 291                               | 346                                     | 329                      |
| January ..  | 405                     | 216                   | 453       | 317        | 330               | 407                 | 343    | 320                            | 288                               | 348                                     | 330                      |
| February .. | 405                     | 216                   | 453       | 317        | 325               | 408                 | 343    | 318                            | 288                               | 346                                     | 329                      |
| March ..    | 405                     | 230                   | 446       | 317        | 323               | 425                 | 350    | 328                            | 299                               | 354                                     | 338                      |
| April ..    | 403                     | 230                   | 456       | 318        | 326               | 442                 | 353    | 328                            | 303                               | 355                                     | 339                      |
| May ..      | 410                     | 231                   | 477       | 317        | 322               | 444                 | 357    | 333                            | 304                               | 361                                     | 344                      |
| June ..     | 409                     | 231                   | 482       | 318        | 326               | 444                 | 357    | 328                            | 299                               | 358                                     | 341                      |
| 1956-57—    |                         |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                                |                                   |   |                          |
| July ..     | 410                     | 232                   | 461       | 344        | 314               | 444                 | 358    | 330                            | 301                               | 360                                     | 343                      |
| August ..   | 409                     | 240                   | 481       | 344        | 315               | 445                 | 362    | 329                            | 303                               | 361                                     | 344                      |
| September.. | 411                     | 241                   | 513       | 344        | 312               | 467                 | 368    | 329                            | 309                               | 363                                     | 347                      |
| October ..  | 410                     | 241                   | 503       | 344        | 306               | 467                 | 367    | 325                            | 310                               | 359                                     | 344                      |
| November..  | 413                     | 241                   | 522       | 344        | 306               | 467                 | 369    | 319                            | 314                               | 354                                     | 342                      |
| December .. | 412                     | 241                   | 528       | 344        | 307               | 467                 | 369    | 321                            | 315                               | 355                                     | 343                      |
| January ..  | 412                     | 240                   | 533       | 344        | 307               | 467                 | 369    | 321                            | 316                               | 354                                     | 343                      |
| February .. | 409                     | 244                   | 544       | 344        | 298               | 467                 | 370    | 324                            | 318                               | 356                                     | 345                      |
| March ..    | 407                     | 244                   | 532       | 344        | 296               | 467                 | 368    | 324                            | 315                               | 356                                     | 344                      |
| April ..    | 407                     | 244                   | 547       | 344        | 289               | 467                 | 369    | 324                            | 313                               | 358                                     | 344                      |
| May ..      | 403                     | 244                   | 548       | 344        | 289               | 467                 | 367    | 317                            | 311                               | 352                                     | 340                      |
| June ..     | 402                     | 240                   | 527       | 345        | 288               | 467                 | 365    | 328                            | 307                               | 360                                     | 345                      |
| 1957-58—    |                         |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                                |                                   |   |                          |
| July ..     | 399                     | 240                   | p524      | 345        | 283               | 467                 | p363   | p333                           | p305                              | p364                                    | p347                     |
| August ..   | 401                     | 240                   | p495      | 345        | 283               | 467                 | p362   | p339                           | p306                              | p368                                    | p349                     |
| September.. | p401                    | 240                   | p490      | 345        | 285               | 457                 | p360   | p334                           | p303                              | p364                                    | p346                     |

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 411 for September, 1957.  
 (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.  
 (c) NOTE.—The indexes for "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods principally Home Produced" and "Total All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For the months July, 1957, to September, 1957, respectively, indexes comparable with those previously published including potatoes and onions were "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", 330, 335 and 331; "Goods principally Home Produced", 362, 365 and 361; "Total All Groups", 345, 348 and 344.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.    | Australia.<br>(a) | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States of America.<br>(b) | Sweden. | United Kingdom                      |     | France.                  | India.                          |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
|            |                   |              |               |         |                                  |         | (d)                                 | (e) |                          |                                 |
| 1936-37 .. | 99                | 96           | 97            | 101     | 104                              | 98      | Base :<br>30th June, 1949<br>= 100. |     | Base :<br>1949<br>= 100. | Base :<br>1938-39 (f)<br>= 100. |
| 1937-38 .. | 101               | 102          | 103           | 104     | 101                              | 103     |                                     |     |                          |                                 |
| 1938-39 .. | 100               | 102          | 100           | 95      | 95                               | 99      |                                     |     |                          |                                 |
| 1951-52 .. | 297               | 243          | 252           | 229     | 213                              | 285     |                                     |     |                          |                                 |
| 1952-53 .. | 319               | 252          | 269           | 216     | 209                              | 278     | 175                                 | 128 | 145                      | 414                             |
| 1953-54 .. | 319               | 248          | 270           | 214     | 209                              | 268     | 152                                 | 126 | 141                      | 386                             |
| 1954-55 .. | 322               | 249          | 274           | 211     | 208                              | 272     | 143                                 | 125 | 137                      | 397                             |
| 1955-56 .. | 334               | 253          | 283           | 217     | 212                              | 290     | 147                                 | 127 | 135                      | 365                             |
| 1956-57 .. | 344               | 262          | 285           | 222     | 220                              | 296     | 155                                 | 133 | 139                      | 373                             |
| 1956-57—   |                   |              |               |         |                                  |         | 158                                 | 138 | 143                      | 424                             |
| Nov. ..    | 342               | 263          | 286           | 221     | 219                              | r296    | 159                                 | 137 | 143                      | 428                             |
| Dec. ..    | 343               | 259          | 287           | 223     | 220                              | r298    | 162                                 | 138 | 144                      | 429                             |
| Jan. ..    | 343               | 256          | 287           | 224     | 221                              | r300    | 161                                 | 138 | 145                      | 422                             |
| Feb. ..    | 345               | 257          | 287           | 223     | 221                              | r298    | 160                                 | 138 | 144                      | 425                             |
| Mar. ..    | 344               | 258          | 284           | 223     | 221                              | r298    | 159                                 | 138 | 144                      | 421                             |
| Apr. ..    | 344               | 261          | 284           | 223     | 222                              | 298     | 160                                 | 139 | 144                      | 422                             |
| May ..     | 340               | 264          | 285           | 223     | 221                              | 298     | 160                                 | 139 | 146                      | 431                             |
| June ..    | 345               | 266          | 286           | 223     | 222                              | 298     | 156                                 | 139 | 146                      | 439                             |
| 1957-58—   |                   |              |               |         |                                  |         |                                     |     |                          |                                 |
| July ..    | p347              | 266          | 287           | 223     | 224                              | 300     | 155                                 | 140 | 147                      | 444                             |
| August..   | p349              |              | 289           |         | 224                              | 296     | 154                                 | 140 |                          | 442                             |

(a) See note (c), page 24.

(b) Current series linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date.

(c) New series linked to former series as at 1955-56.

(d) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry.

(e) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

(f) Year ended August, 1939.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

| Base: Average of 5 years ended June, 1957 = 100 (a.) |    |    |                   |       |              |               |         |                              |                    |
|--|----|----|-------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Period.  |    |    | Australia.<br>(d) |       | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States<br>of America. | United<br>Kingdom. |
|  |    |    |                   |       |              |               |         |                              | Base :             |
| 1936-37  | .. | .. | 97.3              |       | 96           | 97            | 98      | 100                          | 17th June,         |
| 1937-38  | .. | .. | 99.8              |       | 101          | 101           | 102     | 101                          | 1947 = 100b        |
| 1938-39  | .. | .. | 102.9             |       | 103          | 102           | 100     | 99                           |                    |
| 1951-52  | .. | .. | 233.7             |       | 176          | 182           | 186     | 186                          | 131                |
| 1952-53  | .. | .. | 255.0             |       | 185          | 194           | 184     | 189                          | 139                |
| 1953-54  | .. | .. | 262.2             |       | 195          | 199           | 184     | 190                          | 140                |
| 1954-55  | .. | .. | 264.4             |       | 201          | 204           | 185     | 190                          | 146                |
|  |    |    | A                 | B     |              |               |         |                              |                    |
| 1955-56  | .. | .. | 274.2             | 277.4 | 206          | 209           | 186     | 190                          | (c) 154            |
| 1956-57  | .. | .. | 286.2             | 290.9 | 213          | 212           | 191     | 196                          | 159                |
| 1956-57—   |    |    |                   |       |              |               |         |                              |                    |
| January  | .. | .. | 287.2             | 287.6 | 211          | 213           | 191     | 196                          | 160                |
| February   | .. | .. |                   |       |              | 213           | 192     | 196                          | 160                |
| March  | .. | .. |                   |       |              | 213           | 192     | 197                          | 160                |
| April  | .. | .. |                   |       |              | 213           | 192     | 197                          | 160                |
| May  | .. | .. | 289.3             | 290.1 | 214          | 214           | 192     | 198                          | 161                |
| June   | .. | .. |                   |       |              | 215           | 193     | 199                          | 162                |
| 1957-58—   |    |    |                   |       |              |               |         |                              |                    |
| July ..  | .. | .. | 290.7             | 290.3 | 216          | 216           | 194     | 200                          | 164                |
| August   | .. | .. |                   |       |              | 220           | 195     | 200                          | 163                |
| September  | .. | .. |                   |       |              |               |         |                              | 163                |

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (b) and (c).  
be linked to former series.

(c) New series linked to former series.

(b) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 ; cannot  
(d) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns

"B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

# **"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.**

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.           | "C" Series Retail Price Index : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |   |           |                     |                    | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States. |  |  |
|-------------------|---|---|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
|                   | Food and Groceries.<br>(a)  | Rent of 4<br>and 5<br>roomed<br>houses. | Clothing. | Miscel-<br>laneous. | All Groups.<br>(a) | Nominal<br>Rates,<br>Adult<br>Males.   | "Real" Wage, Adult<br>Males.<br>(a)(b) |  |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 963   | 968                                     | 976       | 996                 | 973                | 949                                    | 976                                    |  |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 989   | 1,001                                   | 1,006     | 1,003               | 998                | 1,007                                  | 1,000                                  |  |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 1,048   | 1,031                                   | 1,018     | 1,001               | 1,029              | 1,044                                  | 1,015                                  |  |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 1,664   | 1,063                                   | 2,626     | 1,443               | 1,669              | 1,913                                  | 1,146                                  |  |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 1,998   | 1,076                                   | 3,044     | 1,597               | 1,906              | 2,298                                  | 1,206                                  |  |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 2,694   | 1,104                                   | 3,623     | 1,898               | 2,337              | 2,806                                  | 1,201                                  |  |
| 1952-53 .. ..     | 2,950   | 1,194                                   | 3,893     | 2,124               | 2,550              | 3,104                                  | 1,217                                  |  |
| 1953-54 .. ..     | 3,073   | 1,255                                   | 3,938     | 2,148               | 2,622              | 3,207                                  | 1,223                                  |  |
| 1954-55 .. ..     | 3,098   | 1,309                                   | 3,940     | 2,145               | 2,644              | 3,249                                  | 1,229                                  |  |
| 1955-56 .. ..     | A 3,265   B 3,354   | 1,377                                   | 3,968     | 2,230               | A 2,742   B 2,774  | 3,364                                  | A 1,227   B 1,213                      |  |
| 1956-57 .. ..     | 3,395   3,528   | 1,458                                   | 4,043     | 2,423               | 2,862   2,909      | 3,525                                  | 1,232   1,212                          |  |
| 1952-53—          |   |   |           |                     |                    |  |  |  |
| March Quarter     | 2,943   | 1,212                                   | 3,912     | 2,134               | 2,558              | 3,110                                  | 1,216                                  |  |
| June "            | 2,981   | 1,227                                   | 3,967     | 2,138               | 2,586              | 3,150                                  | 1,218                                  |  |
| 1953-54—          |   |   |           |                     |                    |  |  |  |
| September Quarter | 3,073   | 1,235                                   | 3,946     | 2,141               | 2,618              | 3,195                                  | 1,220                                  |  |
| December "        | 3,092   | 1,243                                   | 3,933     | 2,147               | 2,624              | 3,206                                  | 1,222                                  |  |
| March "           | 3,070   | 1,255                                   | 3,946     | 2,157               | 2,624              | 3,213                                  | 1,224                                  |  |
| June "            | 3,055   | 1,286                                   | 3,927     | 2,148               | 2,621              | 3,214                                  | 1,226                                  |  |
| 1954-55—          |   |   |           |                     |                    |  |  |  |
| September Quarter | 3,037   | 1,301                                   | 3,924     | 2,145               | 2,618              | 3,213                                  | 1,227                                  |  |
| December "        | 3,063   | 1,306                                   | 3,939     | 2,147               | 2,631              | 3,233                                  | 1,229                                  |  |
| March "           | 3,124   | 1,310                                   | 3,934     | 2,132               | 2,649              | 3,269                                  | 1,234                                  |  |
| June "            | 3,169   | 1,320                                   | 3,961     | 2,157               | 2,678              | 3,283                                  | 1,226                                  |  |
| 1955-56—          |   |   |           |                     |                    |  |  |  |
| September Quarter | A 3,215   B 3,265   | 1,330                                   | 3,965     | 2,169               | A 2,700   B 2,719  | 3,299                                  | A 1,222   B 1,213                      |  |
| December "        | 3,239   3,308   | 1,337                                   | 3,971     | 2,218               | 2,721   2,746      | 3,345                                  | 1,229   1,218                          |  |
| March "           | 3,262   3,348   | 1,415                                   | 3,965     | 2,227               | 2,748   2,780      | 3,371                                  | 1,227   1,213                          |  |
| June "            | 3,343   3,495   | 1,425                                   | 3,971     | 2,305               | 2,797   2,851      | 3,439                                  | 1,230   1,206                          |  |
| 1956-57—          |   |   |           |                     |                    |  |  |  |
| September Quarter | 3,394   3,712   | 1,436                                   | 3,985     | 2,369               | 2,832   2,946      | 3,485                                  | 1,230   1,183                          |  |
| December "        | 3,380   3,559   | 1,446                                   | 4,024     | 2,418               | 2,849   2,913      | 3,527                                  | 1,238   1,211                          |  |
| March "           | 3,401   3,412   | 1,465                                   | 4,062     | 2,435               | 2,872   2,876      | 3,521                                  | 1,226   1,224                          |  |
| June "            | 3,406   3,429   | 1,483                                   | 4,100     | 2,468               | 2,893   2,901      | 3,566                                  | 1,233   1,229                          |  |
| 1957-58—          |   |   |           |                     |                    |  |  |  |
| September Quarter | 3,417   3,403   | 1,500                                   | 4,114     | 2,488               | 2,907   2,903      | 3,577                                  | 1,232   1,230                          |  |

(a) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.  
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

(b) Index of nominal

# WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

| Particulars.                     | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <i>1956 : September Quarter—</i> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a)     | 3,588            | 3,465     | 3,336       | 3,291            | 3,493              | 3,551     | 3,485                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 253/-            | 245/-     | 228/-       | 241/-            | 246/-              | 252/-     | 246/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 263/-        | (c) 263/- | (d) 237/-   | (b) 241/-        | (d) 261/6          | (e) 272/- | ..                          |
| <i>1956 : December Quarter—</i>  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) ..   | 3,675            | 3,466     | 3,387       | 3,291            | 3,534              | 3,551     | 3,527                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 253/-            | 245/-     | 228/-       | 241/-            | 246/-              | 252/-     | 246/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 274/-        | (e) 263/- | (f) 241/-   | (b) 241/-        | (f) 265/2          | (e) 272/- | ..                          |
| <i>1957 : March Quarter—</i>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) ..   | 3,647            | 3,471     | 3,388       | 3,291            | 3,554              | 3,551     | 3,521                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 253/-            | 245/-     | 228/-       | 241/-            | 246/-              | 252/-     | 246/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 270/-        | (e) 263/- | (f) 241/-   | (b) 241/-        | (g) 266/3          | (e) 272/- | ..                          |
| <i>1957 : June Quarter—</i>      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a)     | 3,675            | 3,530     | 3,396       | 3,417            | 3,581              | 3,645     | 3,566                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (h)   | 263/-            | 255/-     | 238/-       | 251/-            | 256/-              | 262/-     | 256/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 268/-        | (e) 263/- | (i) 239/-   | (j) 251/-        | (k) 268/10         | (e) 272/- | ..                          |
| <i>1957 : September Quarter—</i> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a)     | 3,690            | 3,531     | 3,416       | 3,417            | 3,621              | 3,645     | 3,577                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (h)   | 263/-            | 255/-     | 238/-       | 251/-            | 256/-              | 262/-     | 256/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 270/-        | (e) 263/- | (l) 241/-   | (j) 251/-        | (m) 272/9          | (e) 272/- | ..                          |

(a) Index numbers: Base—Weighted Average, Six States Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing June, 1956. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Payable as from 23rd July, 1956. (e) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (f) Payable as from 29th October, 1956. (g) Payable as from 25th January, 1957. (h) Payable from the beginning of the first pay-period after 15th May, 1957. (i) Payable as from 29th April, 1957. (j) Payable as from 20th May, 1957. (k) Payable as from 26th April, 1957. (l) Payable as from 29th July, 1957. (m) Payable as from 19th July, 1957.



## INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items in the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

| Period.          | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |       |                             |       |              |                |       |
|------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------|-------|
|                  | Food.(a)                                |       | Clothing<br>and<br>Drapery. | Rent. | Other Items. | All Groups.(a) |       |
|                  | A                                       | B     |                             |       |              | A              | B     |
| Year ended June— |   |       |                             |       |              |                |       |
| 1953 .. ..       | 100.0                                   | 100.0 | 100.0                       | 100.0 | 100.0        | 100.0          | 100.0 |
| 1954 .. ..       | 102.8                                   | 103.7 | 101.6                       | 105.0 | 100.9        | 102.2          | 102.5 |
| 1955 .. ..       | 104.8                                   | 104.6 | 102.4                       | 109.6 | 101.4        | 103.7          | 103.6 |
| 1956 .. ..       | 108.1                                   | 110.6 | 103.3                       | 115.5 | 106.4        | 107.0          | 108.0 |
| 1957 .. ..       | 112.4                                   | 115.8 | 105.8                       | 122.5 | 117.8        | 113.0          | 114.3 |
| Quarter ended—   |   |       |                             |       |              |                |       |
| 1955—December .. | 107.0                                   | 109.0 | 103.4                       | 112.0 | 106.2        | 106.3          | 107.0 |
| 1956—March ..    | 108.2                                   | 110.6 | 103.3                       | 118.8 | 106.7        | 107.4          | 108.3 |
| June ..          | 110.7                                   | 114.5 | 103.4                       | 119.7 | 110.1        | 109.4          | 110.8 |
| September ..     | 111.9                                   | 119.6 | 103.8                       | 120.6 | 115.6        | 111.5          | 114.4 |
| December ..      | 111.6                                   | 116.2 | 105.3                       | 121.5 | 117.8        | 112.5          | 114.2 |
| 1957—March ..    | 112.6                                   | 113.2 | 106.3                       | 123.1 | 118.5        | 113.5          | 113.7 |
| June ..          | 113.3                                   | 114.2 | 107.9                       | 124.6 | 119.3        | 114.5          | 114.8 |
| September ..     | 113.7                                   | 113.8 | 108.4                       | 126.1 | 119.9        | 115.1          | 115.1 |

(a) The index in Column "A" excludes, and that in Column "B" includes, potatoes and onions.

## FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1956-57 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year.         | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard<br>and<br>Dairying. | All<br>Farming. | Wool<br>(Shorn and<br>Dead). | Products<br>Other than<br>Wool. |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1936-37 .. .. | 114          | 115       | 93                           | 109             | 126                          | 104                             |
| 1937-38 .. .. | 98           | 98        | 102                          | 99              | 95                           | 100                             |
| 1938-39 .. .. | 88           | 87        | 105                          | 92              | 79                           | 96                              |
| 1948-49 .. .. | 234          | 313       | 197                          | 260             | 366                          | 225                             |
| 1949-50 .. .. | 272          | 396       | 228                          | 316             | 483                          | 261                             |
| 1950-51 .. .. | 291          | 818       | 258                          | 505             | 1,098                        | 308                             |
| 1951-52 .. .. | 355          | 501       | 332                          | 410             | 552                          | 363                             |
| 1952-53 .. .. | 364          | 531       | 387                          | 440             | 623                          | 379                             |
| 1953-54 .. .. | 324          | 534       | 395                          | 429             | 621                          | 365                             |
| 1954-55 .. .. | 316          | 489       | 371                          | 401             | 540                          | 355                             |
| 1955-56 .. .. | 330          | 451       | 392                          | 397             | 468                          | 373                             |
| 1956-57 .. .. | p333         | p532      | p389                         | p431            | p607                         | p372                            |

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000)

| Period.       | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)                 |                            |   |                              |  |  | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) |                                    |                              |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|               | 23<br>Manufacturing and<br>Distributing<br>Companies. | 10<br>Retail<br>Companies. | 4<br>Pastoral<br>and<br>Finance<br>Companies. | 4<br>Insurance<br>Companies. | 75<br>Companies<br>(including<br>34<br>Miscellaneous). | 34<br>Active<br>shares in<br>cluded in<br>foregoing<br>(c) | 12<br>Industrials.               | 12<br>Financial<br>and<br>Trading. | 24<br>Total of<br>foregoing. |
| 1936-37 .. .. | 989   | 1,059                      | 1,106   | 1,052                        | 1,022  | 1,026  | 1,006                            | 1,000                              | 1,003                        |
| 1937-38 .. .. | 1,012   | 1,008                      | 1,053   | 983                          | 1,009  | 1,011  | 1,014                            | 1,011                              | 1,013                        |
| 1938-39 .. .. | 999   | 933                        | 841   | 965                          | 969  | 963  | 980                              | 989                                | 984                          |
| 1952-53 .. .. | 1,733   | 1,376                      | 1,337   | 2,059                        | 1,398  | 1,335  | 1,494                            | 1,186                              | 1,353                        |
| 1953-54 .. .. | 1,784   | 1,534                      | 1,385   | 2,217                        | 1,475  | 1,443  | 1,658                            | 1,302                              | 1,495                        |
| 1954-55 .. .. | 1,943   | 1,885                      | 1,555   | 2,184                        | 1,626  | 1,598  | 1,695                            | 1,434                              | 1,575                        |
| 1955-56 .. .. | 2,038   | 2,178                      | 1,751   | 2,142                        | 1,726  | 1,649  | 1,726                            | 1,475                              | 1,612                        |
| 1956-57 .. .. | 2,031   | 1,960                      | 1,807   | 2,489                        | 1,707  | 1,653  | 1,714                            | 1,467                              | 1,600                        |
| 1955-56—      |   |                            |   |                              |  |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| September ..  | 2,074   | 2,181                      | 1,771   | 2,163                        | 1,752  | 1,687  | 1,721                            | 1,494                              | 1,617                        |
| October ..    | 2,082   | 2,160                      | 1,808   | 2,157                        | 1,753  | 1,681  | 1,694                            | 1,468                              | 1,590                        |
| November ..   | 2,044   | 2,147                      | 1,768   | 2,133                        | 1,727  | 1,648  | 1,699                            | 1,473                              | 1,596                        |
| December ..   | 2,039   | 2,189                      | 1,780   | 2,147                        | 1,734  | 1,655  | 1,701                            | 1,477                              | 1,598                        |
| January ..    | 2,059   | 2,235                      | 1,782   | 2,169                        | 1,746  | 1,669  | 1,736                            | 1,489                              | 1,622                        |
| February ..   | 2,043   | 2,230                      | 1,780   | 2,159                        | 1,735  | 1,659  | 1,746                            | 1,469                              | 1,619                        |
| March ..      | 2,006   | 2,169                      | 1,729   | 2,079                        | 1,700  | 1,609  | 1,740                            | 1,480                              | 1,620                        |
| April ..      | 1,995   | 2,153                      | 1,679   | 2,089                        | 1,688  | 1,599  | 1,740                            | 1,473                              | 1,618                        |
| May ..        | 1,972   | 2,061                      | 1,639   | 2,098                        | 1,663  | 1,583  | 1,709                            | 1,457                              | 1,594                        |
| June ..       | 1,918   | 2,010                      | 1,613   | 2,112                        | 1,632  | 1,551  | 1,668                            | 1,428                              | 1,559                        |
| 1956-57—      |   |                            |   |                              |  |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| July ..       | 1,909   | 1,973                      | 1,668   | 2,140                        | 1,626  | 1,556  | 1,689                            | 1,431                              | 1,570                        |
| August ..     | 1,944   | 2,002                      | 1,718   | 2,268                        | 1,657  | 1,608  | 1,699                            | 1,426                              | 1,574                        |
| September ..  | 1,997   | 2,004                      | 1,740   | 2,400                        | 1,689  | 1,639  | 1,704                            | 1,447                              | 1,586                        |
| October ..    | 2,034   | 2,006                      | 1,797   | 2,468                        | 1,702  | 1,652  | 1,700                            | 1,474                              | 1,597                        |
| November ..   | 2,000   | 1,963                      | 1,772   | 2,537                        | 1,682  | 1,626  | 1,699                            | 1,461                              | 1,590                        |
| December ..   | 2,008   | 1,929                      | 1,732   | 2,506                        | 1,674  | 1,620  | 1,682                            | 1,456                              | 1,579                        |
| January ..    | 2,067   | 1,949                      | 1,829   | 2,594                        | 1,719  | 1,678  | 1,667                            | 1,467                              | 1,575                        |
| February ..   | 2,078   | 1,974                      | 1,850   | 2,625                        | 1,743  | 1,693  | 1,725                            | 1,473                              | 1,609                        |
| March ..      | 2,084   | 1,931                      | 1,825   | 2,571                        | 1,735  | 1,671  | 1,745                            | 1,481                              | 1,624                        |
| April ..      | 2,088   | 1,937                      | 1,922   | 2,567                        | 1,746  | 1,696  | 1,748                            | 1,487                              | 1,628                        |
| May ..        | 2,080   | 1,926                      | 1,917   | 2,564                        | 1,752  | 1,697  | 1,761                            | 1,503                              | 1,642                        |
| June ..       | 2,080   | 1,924                      | 1,914   | 2,627                        | 1,763  | 1,701  | 1,747                            | 1,493                              | 1,630                        |
| 1957-58—      |   |                            |   |                              |  |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| July ..       | 2,151   | 1,922                      | 1,995   | 2,747                        | 1,815  | 1,757  | 1,755                            | 1,509                              | 1,642                        |
| August ..     | 2,192   | 1,965                      | 2,100   | 2,870                        | 1,869  | 1,811  | 1,832                            | 1,530                              | 1,693                        |
| September ..  | 2,219   | 1,979                      | 2,013   | 2,864                        | 1,883  | 1,824  |                                  |                                    |                              |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician ; converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

# COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.    | Export Prices. |                 |                 |        | Wholesale Prices. |                                    |   |                    | Retail Prices.                          |  |       |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|--|-------|
|            | Wool.          | All Groups.     |                 |        | Basic Materials.  | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.    |   |                    | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |  |       |
|            |                | Excluding Wool. | Excluding Gold. | Total. |                   | Goods Principally Imported.<br>(a) | Goods Principally Home-produced.<br>(b) | All Groups.<br>(b) | " C " Series Index.(c)                  | Interim Index.(d)                          |       |
|            |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                    |   |                    |   |  |       |
| 1936-37 .. | 122            | 108             | 116             | 115    | 99                | 99                                 | 98                                      | 99                 | 97.3                                    | Base :<br>1952-53 = 100                    |       |
| 1937-38 .. | 99             | 105             | 102             | 102    | 102               | 102                                | 101                                     | 101                | 99.8                                    | (Arithmetically converted for comparison.) |       |
| 1938-39 .. | 79             | 87              | 82              | 83     | 99                | 99                                 | 100                                     | 100                | 102.9                                   |  |       |
| 1949-50 .. | 473            | 308             | 399             | 383    | 214               | 223                                | 196                                     | 204                | 166.9                                   |  |       |
| 1950-51 .. | 999            | 365             | 690             | 654    | 264               | 256                                | 240                                     | 244                | 190.6                                   | 74.8                                       | 74.9  |
| 1951-52 .. | 564            | 397             | 495             | 473    | 321               | 288                                | 300                                     | 297                | 233.7                                   | 91.7                                       | 91.4  |
| 1952-53 .. | 616            | 371             | 505             | 483    | 350               | 292                                | 331                                     | 319                | 255.0                                   | 100.0                                      | 100.0 |
| 1953-54 .. | 615            | 356             | 496             | 474    | 332               | 271                                | 339                                     | 319                | 262.2                                   | 102.8                                      | 102.5 |
| 1954-55 .. | 538            | 342             | 450             | 431    | 330               | 277                                | 340                                     | 322                | 264.4                                   | 103.7                                      | 103.6 |
| 1955-56 .. | 464            | 342             | 414             | 397    | 345               | 292                                | 352                                     | 334                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| 1956-57 .. | 578            | pr331           | pr464           | pr444  | 367               | 311                                | 357                                     | 344                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| 1955-56—   |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                    |   |                    |   |  |       |
| October .. | 437            | 351             | 406             | 390    | 340               | 289                                | 350                                     | 332                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| November   | 437            | 352             | 407             | 391    | 342               | 291                                | 346                                     | 330                |   |  |       |
| December   | 453            | 352             | 414             | 398    | 342               | 291                                | 346                                     | 329                |   |  |       |
| January .. | 460            | 349             | 416             | 400    | 343               | 288                                | 348                                     | 330                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| February.. | 460            | 340             | 411             | 395    | 343               | 288                                | 346                                     | 329                |   |  |       |
| March ..   | 453            | r335            | 404             | 388    | 350               | 299                                | 354                                     | 338                |   |  |       |
| April ..   | 468            | 325             | 406             | 390    | 353               | 303                                | 355                                     | 339                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| May ..     | 498            | r323            | 420             | 403    | 357               | 304                                | 361                                     | 344                |   |  |       |
| June ..    | (f)505         | r331            | 428             | 411    | 357               | 299                                | 358                                     | 341                |   |  |       |
| 1956-57—   |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                    |   |                    |   |  |       |
| July ..    | 490            | r330            | r420            | 403    | 358               | 301                                | 360                                     | 343                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| August ..  | 520            | 330             | 434             | 417    | 362               | 303                                | 361                                     | 344                |   |  |       |
| September  | 566            | 336             | 460             | 441    | 368               | 309                                | 363                                     | 347                |   |  |       |
| October .. | 551            | r332            | 451             | 432    | 367               | 310                                | 359                                     | 344                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| November   | 581            | 331             | 465             | 445    | 369               | 314                                | 354                                     | 342                |   |  |       |
| December   | 588            | p329            | p467            | p447   | 369               | 315                                | 355                                     | 343                |   |  |       |
| January .. | 596            | pr330           | p472            | pr451  | 369               | 316                                | 354                                     | 343                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| February.. | 611            | pr330           | p479            | p458   | 370               | 318                                | 356                                     | 345                |   |  |       |
| March ..   | 596            | pr329           | pr471           | pr451  | 368               | 315                                | 356                                     | 344                |   |  |       |
| April ..   | 618            | pr331           | p483            | p462   | 369               | 313                                | 358                                     | 344                | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| May ..     | 626            | pr333           | p488            | pr467  | 367               | 311                                | 352                                     | 340                |   |  |       |
| June ..    | 596            | pr332           | pr473           | pr452  | 365               | 307                                | 360                                     | 345                |   |  |       |
| 1957-58—   |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                    |   |                    |   |  |       |
| July ..    | (f) p596       | p327            | p470            | p450   | p363              | p305                               | p364                                    | p347               | (e)                                     | (e)  | (e)   |
| August ..  | p551           | p331            | p450            | p431   | p362              | p306                               | p368                                    | p349               |   |  |       |
| September  | p543           | p328            | p445            | p426   | p360              | p303                               | p364                                    | p346               |   |  |       |

- (a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.  
 (b) See note (c) page 24. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 28  
 (e) For indexes for these periods see pages 26 and 28 and Statistical Bulletin No. 546. (f) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

| Period.                 | New Dwellings. |         | Other New Buildings. |        | Total New Buildings. |         | Alterations and Additions. | Total.  |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
|                         | Number.        | Value.  | Number.              | Value. | Number.              | Value.  | Value.                     | Value.  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                | £'000.  |                      | £'000. |                      | £'000.  | £'000.                     | £'000.  |
| 1936-37(a) ..           | 1,122          | 1,104   | 154                  | 474    | 1,276                | 1,578   | 408                        | 1,986   |
| 1937-38(a) ..           | 1,394          | 1,413   | 147                  | 472    | 1,541                | 1,885   | 422                        | 2,307   |
| 1938-39(a) ..           | 1,463          | 1,509   | 137                  | 424    | 1,600                | 1,933   | 420                        | 2,353   |
| 1949-50(b) ..           | 3,045          | 5,770   | 113                  | 460    | 3,158                | 6,230   | 899                        | 7,129   |
| 1950-51 ..              | 3,558          | 7,857   | 151                  | 1,062  | 3,709                | 8,919   | 1,507                      | 10,426  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 2,736          | 6,703   | 165                  | 1,270  | 2,901                | 7,973   | 1,727                      | 9,700   |
| 1952-53 ..              | 2,506          | 6,472   | 303                  | 1,744  | 2,809                | 8,216   | 1,829                      | 10,045  |
| 1953-54 ..              | 2,663          | 7,747   | 328                  | 2,538  | 2,991                | 10,285  | 2,071                      | 12,356  |
| 1954-55(c) ..           | 3,673          | 11,244  | 378                  | 4,083  | 4,051                | 15,327  | 2,593                      | 17,920  |
| 1955-56 ..              | 3,361          | 11,040  | 337                  | 5,005  | 3,698                | 16,045  | 2,847                      | 18,892  |
| 1956-57 ..              | 3,119          | 10,508  | 328                  | 4,279  | 3,447                | 14,787  | 2,653                      | 17,440  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                |         |                      |        |                      |         |                            |         |
| 1955-56—                |                |         |                      |        |                      |         |                            |         |
| September ..            | 3,983          | 12,533  | 414                  | 4,341  | 4,397                | 16,874  | 2,991                      | 19,865  |
| October ..              | 3,825          | 12,120  | 355                  | 3,604  | 4,180                | 15,724  | 2,473                      | 18,197  |
| November ..             | 3,758          | 12,112  | 324                  | 5,098  | 4,082                | 17,210  | 2,498                      | 19,708  |
| December ..             | 2,678          | 8,526   | 294                  | 5,352  | 2,972                | 13,878  | 2,352                      | 16,230  |
| January ..              | 2,647          | 9,010   | 239                  | 3,353  | 2,886                | 12,363  | 2,290                      | 14,653  |
| February ..             | 3,169          | 10,380  | 330                  | 5,428  | 3,499                | 15,808  | 2,928                      | 18,736  |
| March ..                | 3,311          | 11,007  | 353                  | 6,061  | 3,664                | 17,068  | 3,259                      | 20,327  |
| April ..                | 2,815          | 10,429  | 294                  | 4,334  | 3,109                | 14,763  | 2,992                      | 17,755  |
| May ..                  | 3,366          | 11,744  | 377                  | 7,011  | 3,743                | 18,755  | 3,531                      | 22,286  |
| June ..                 | 3,242          | 10,969  | 314                  | 4,177  | 3,556                | 15,146  | 2,987                      | 18,133  |
| 1956-57—                |                |         |                      |        |                      |         |                            |         |
| July ..                 | 3,089          | 10,262  | 374                  | 5,536  | 3,463                | 15,798  | 3,075                      | 18,873  |
| August ..               | 3,186          | 10,959  | 329                  | 3,989  | 3,515                | 14,948  | 3,099                      | 18,047  |
| September ..            | 2,826          | 9,481   | 292                  | 3,839  | 3,118                | 13,320  | 2,416                      | 15,736  |
| October ..              | 3,258          | 11,013  | 377                  | 4,894  | 3,635                | 15,907  | 3,444                      | 19,351  |
| November ..             | 3,477          | 11,138  | 319                  | 4,372  | 3,796                | 15,510  | 2,754                      | 18,264  |
| December ..             | 2,260          | 7,273   | 271                  | 3,000  | 2,531                | 10,273  | 1,820                      | 12,093  |
| January ..              | 2,725          | 9,178   | 264                  | 4,067  | 2,989                | 13,245  | 2,155                      | 15,400  |
| February ..             | 3,068          | 10,477  | 293                  | 3,540  | 3,361                | 14,017  | 2,416                      | 16,433  |
| March ..                | 3,203          | 10,973  | 356                  | 4,320  | 3,559                | 15,293  | 2,789                      | 18,082  |
| April ..                | 3,210          | 10,545  | 282                  | 3,320  | 3,492                | 13,865  | 2,398                      | 16,263  |
| May ..                  | 3,801          | 13,353  | 394                  | 4,703  | 4,195                | 18,056  | 3,284                      | 21,340  |
| June ..                 | 3,327          | r11,439 | 381                  | r5,769 | 3,708                | r17,208 | 2,184                      | r19,392 |
| 1957-58—                |                |         |                      |        |                      |         |                            |         |
| July ..                 | 3,712          | 12,890  | 394                  | 3,891  | 4,106                | 16,781  | 3,216                      | 19,997  |
| August ..               | 3,961          | 13,347  | 404                  | 4,246  | 4,365                | 17,593  | 3,737                      | 21,330  |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Australia.               |                                 |                       | New South Wales.         |                      |                                   | Victoria.                |                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              | Private.(a)                     |                       | Government. (b)          | Private.             |                                   | Government.              | Private.                |                                   |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note B. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)1,986                        | (d)627                | n.a.                     | 848                  | 416                               | n.a.                     | 667                     | 62                                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)2,307                        | (d)764                | n.a.                     | 1,093                | 506                               | n.a.                     | 669                     | 78                                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 408                      | (c)2,353                        | (d)755                | 187                      | 1,111                | 495                               | 107                      | 702                     | 63                                |
| 1951-52 ..              | 3,631                    | (e)9,700                        | (f)7,877              | 1,603                    | 2,679                | (g)3,717                          | 960                      | (e)2,831                | (h)1,947                          |
| 1952-53 ..              | 2,772                    | 10,045                          | 7,671                 | 923                      | 2,799                | 3,542                             | 1,129                    | 2,906                   | 1,931                             |
| 1953-54 ..              | (i)4,619                 | 12,356                          | 9,693                 | 1,912                    | 3,553                | 4,622                             | 1,653                    | 3,890                   | 2,297                             |
| 1954-55 ..              | 5,936                    | j17,920                         | (j)8,379              | 2,461                    | (k)6,340             | (k)3,550                          | 1,779                    | (k)5,598                | (k)1,812                          |
| 1955-56 ..              | 5,845                    | 18,892                          | 9,034                 | 2,399                    | 6,742                | 3,364                             | 1,559                    | 6,163                   | 2,240                             |
| 1956-57 ..              | 5,175                    | 17,440                          | 8,874                 | 2,467                    | 6,365                | 3,323                             | 1,432                    | 5,648                   | 1,991                             |
| <b>1955-56—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| December Qtr.           | 6,415                    | 18,045                          | 8,921                 | 2,681                    | 5,899                | 3,292                             | 2,164                    | 5,899                   | 1,873                             |
| March ..                | 4,398                    | 17,905                          | 7,895                 | 1,156                    | 6,778                | 3,121                             | 1,500                    | 5,692                   | 1,942                             |
| June ..                 | 5,885                    | 19,392                          | 9,239                 | 2,991                    | 7,016                | 3,394                             | 1,427                    | 6,565                   | 1,919                             |
| <b>1956-57—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| September ..            | 5,705                    | 17,552*                         | 8,487                 | 2,923                    | 6,112                | 3,198                             | 1,382                    | 6,147                   | 1,848                             |
| December ..             | 4,713                    | 16,569                          | 8,724                 | 2,264                    | 5,769                | 2,908                             | 918                      | 5,138                   | 2,084                             |
| March ..                | 6,062                    | 16,638                          | 7,924                 | 2,770                    | 6,299                | 2,981                             | 2,098                    | 5,455                   | 1,833                             |
| June ..                 | 4,222                    | 18,998                          | 10,366                | 1,911                    | 7,280                | 4,207                             | 1,331                    | 5,851                   | 2,199                             |
| <b>1957-58—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| September,,             |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| <b>1956-57—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| November ..             | 4,961                    | 18,264                          | n.a.                  | 2,484                    | 7,317                | 2,898                             | 879                      | 5,041                   | 1,987                             |
| December ..             | 3,914                    | 12,093                          | n.a.                  | 1,378                    | 4,001                | 2,741                             | 1,145                    | 4,005                   | 1,525                             |
| January ..              | 4,769                    | 15,400                          | n.a.                  | 1,263                    | 6,290                | 2,139                             | 2,075                    | 4,849                   | 1,631                             |
| February ..             | 4,946                    | 16,433                          | n.a.                  | 2,454                    | 6,355                | 3,627                             | 1,314                    | 5,256                   | 2,029                             |
| March ..                | 8,472                    | 18,082                          | n.a.                  | 4,594                    | 6,253                | 3,078                             | 2,905                    | 6,260                   | 1,838                             |
| April ..                | 4,216                    | 16,263                          | n.a.                  | 2,295                    | 5,672                | 3,504                             | 1,241                    | 5,701                   | 1,986                             |
| May ..                  | 3,795                    | 21,340                          | n.a.                  | 1,442                    | 8,428                | 4,773                             | 1,661                    | 6,194                   | 2,576                             |
| June ..                 | 4,657                    | 19,392                          | n.a.                  | 1,997                    | 7,739                | 4,345                             | 1,092                    | 5,659                   | 2,036                             |
| <b>1957-58—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| July ..                 |                          | 19,997                          | n.a.                  | 2,642                    | 7,146                | 4,398                             |                          | 7,186                   | 2,084                             |
| August ..               |                          | 21,330                          | n.a.                  | 2,504                    | 7,188                | 3,392                             |                          | 7,097                   | 1,971                             |
| September ..            |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (f) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 33. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

## NOTES:

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.  
B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.



# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Queensland.              |                        |                                   | South Australia.         |                        |                                   | Western Australia.       |                     |                                   | Tasmania.                |                      |                                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              |                        | Private.(a)                       | Government.(b)           |                        | Private.(a)                       | Government.              |                     | Private.(a)                       | Government.              |                      | Private.(a)                       |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Brisbane Metrop. Area. |                                   | Common-wealth and State. | Adelaide Metrop. Area. |                                   | Common-wealth and State. | Perth Metrop. Area. |                                   | Common-wealth and State. | Hobart Metrop. Area. |                                   |
|                         |                          |                        | Other recorded areas. See Note C. |                          |                        | Other recorded areas. See Note D. |                          |                     | Other recorded areas. See Note E. |                          |                      | Other recorded areas. See Note F. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | 153                    | 98                                | n.a.                     | 118                    | 32                                | n.a.                     | 168                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 32                   | 19                                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | 167                    | 114                               | n.a.                     | 173                    | 48                                | n.a.                     | 174                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 31                   | 18                                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 34                       | 171                    | 118                               | 22                       | 192                    | 63                                | 38                       | 145                 | n.a.                              | 20                       | 32                   | 16                                |
| 1951-52 ..              | 228                      | 1,426                  | c1,107                            | 377                      | 1,386                  | 265                               | 379                      | 1,120               | 347                               | 84                       | (d) 258              | (e) 494                           |
| 1952-53 ..              | 232                      | 1,376                  | 1,209                             | 226                      | 1,525                  | 336                               | 219                      | 1,157               | 320                               | 43                       | 282                  | 333                               |
| 1953-54 ..              | (f) 303                  | 1,299                  | 1,404                             | 320                      | 1,485                  | 392                               | 314                      | 1,749               | 548                               | 117                      | 380                  | 430                               |
| 1954-55 ..              | 489                      | 1,449                  | 1,545                             | 475                      | 2,170                  | 463                               | 570                      | 1,941               | 535                               | 162                      | (g) 422              | (g) 474                           |
| 1955-56 ..              | 545                      | 1,679                  | 1,669                             | 959                      | 2,403                  | 812                               | 277                      | 1,494               | 413                               | 106                      | 411                  | 536                               |
| 1956-57 ..              | 346                      | 1,553                  | 1,850                             | 482                      | 1,911                  | 698                               | 239                      | 1,483               | 435                               | 209                      | 480                  | 577                               |
| 1955-56—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| Dec. Qtr.               | 476                      | 1,887                  | 1,566                             | 704                      | 2,324                  | 1,300                             | 297                      | 1,616               | 410                               | 93                       | 420                  | 480                               |
| Mar. „                  | 559                      | 1,364                  | 1,370                             | 772                      | 2,397                  | 493                               | 359                      | 1,233               | 416                               | 52                       | 441                  | 553                               |
| June „                  | 680                      | 1,937                  | 1,972                             | 487                      | 2,362                  | 960                               | 158                      | 1,169               | 386                               | 142                      | 343                  | 608                               |
| 1956-57—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| Sept. „                 | 405                      | 1,528                  | 1,544                             | 417                      | 1,878                  | 886                               | 197                      | 1,323               | 467                               | 381                      | 564                  | 544                               |
| Dec. „                  | 277                      | 1,893                  | 2,228                             | 800                      | 1,698                  | 644                               | 224                      | 1,663               | 424                               | 230                      | 408                  | 436                               |
| Mar. „                  | 358                      | 1,200                  | 1,467                             | 479                      | 1,819                  | 614                               | 282                      | 1,437               | 426                               | 75                       | 428                  | 603                               |
| June „                  | 344                      | 1,591                  | 2,161                             | 233                      | 2,248                  | 648                               | 254                      | 1,508               | 424                               | 149                      | 520                  | 727                               |
| 1957-58—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| Sept. „                 |                          |                        |                                   |                          | 2,396                  | 905                               |                          |                     |                                   |                          | 450                  | 491                               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| 1956-57—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| November..              | 226                      | 2,192                  | 1,716                             | 959                      | 1,756                  | n.a.                              | 231                      | 1,559               | 452                               | 182                      | 399                  | 362                               |
| December..              | 400                      | 988                    | 3,018                             | 319                      | 1,567                  | n.a.                              | 192                      | 1,194               | 327                               | 480                      | 338                  | 328                               |
| January ..              | 148                      | 1,307                  | 1,262                             | 772                      | 1,371                  | n.a.                              | 423                      | 1,287               | 362                               | 88                       | 296                  | 481                               |
| February ..             | 449                      | 1,221                  | 1,782                             | 472                      | 1,708                  | n.a.                              | 240                      | 1,373               | 439                               | 17                       | 520                  | 693                               |
| March ..                | 476                      | 1,071                  | 1,357                             | 194                      | 2,379                  | n.a.                              | 183                      | 1,650               | 478                               | 120                      | 469                  | 635                               |
| April ..                | 216                      | 1,355                  | 2,461                             | 137                      | 1,664                  | n.a.                              | 139                      | 1,366               | 414                               | 188                      | 505                  | 718                               |
| May ..                  | 177                      | 1,822                  | 2,103                             | 208                      | 2,735                  | n.a.                              | 117                      | 1,670               | 467                               | 190                      | 491                  | 830                               |
| June ..                 | 638                      | 1,598                  | 1,920                             | 354                      | 2,346                  | n.a.                              | 507                      | 1,486               | 391                               | 69                       | 564                  | 633                               |
| 1957-58—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| July ..                 | 188                      | 1,480                  | 2,485                             | 394                      | 2,074                  | n.a.                              | 558                      | 1,591               | 611                               | 37                       | 520                  | 437                               |
| August ..               | 582                      | 1,461                  | 2,132                             | 499                      | 2,704                  | n.a.                              | 177                      | 2,418               | 690                               | 204                      | 462                  | 520                               |
| September               |                          |                        |                                   |                          | 2,409                  | n.a.                              |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.  
 (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a. r, —, see page 1.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)  
(£'000.)

| Period.                   | Commenced. |        |         | Completed. |        |          | Under Construction at end of period. |         |           |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                           | Houses.    | Other. | Total.  | Houses.    | Other. | Total.   | Houses.(a)                           | Other.  | Total.(a) |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |        |         |            |        |          |                                      |         |           |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | a40,478    | 14,615 | a55,093 | a 31,243   | 6,258  | a 37,501 | 162,399                              | 91,632  | 254,031   |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 44,951     | 16,224 | 61,175  | 43,187     | 10,876 | 54,063   | 187,239                              | 125,534 | 312,773   |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 39,358     | 13,909 | 53,267  | 47,634     | 18,169 | 65,803   | 166,706                              | 115,629 | 282,335   |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 48,471     | 24,220 | 72,691  | 48,580     | 20,962 | 69,542   | 174,515                              | 133,478 | 307,993   |
| 1954-55(b) ..             | 52,367     | 33,197 | 85,564  | 54,294     | 24,037 | 78,331   | 175,426                              | 171,309 | 346,735   |
| 1955-56 .. ..             | 51,915     | 42,951 | 94,866  | 54,859     | 33,142 | 88,001   | 174,463                              | 220,426 | 394,889   |
| 1956-57 .. ..             | 51,031     | 39,843 | 90,874  | 50,623     | 39,551 | 90,174   | 177,464                              | 230,515 | 407,979   |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |        |         |            |        |          |                                      |         |           |
| 1954-55—                  |            |        |         |            |        |          |                                      |         |           |
| June Qtr. ..              | 53,751     | 36,470 | 90,221  | 57,804     | 26,469 | 84,273   | 175,426                              | 171,309 | 346,735   |
| 1955-56—                  |            |        |         |            |        |          |                                      |         |           |
| Sept. " ..                | 56,433     | 44,004 | 100,437 | 54,634     | 29,865 | 84,499   | 179,476                              | 189,730 | 369,206   |
| Dec. " ..                 | 52,052     | 39,034 | 91,086  | 58,264     | 34,978 | 93,242   | 175,784                              | 194,779 | 370,563   |
| March " ..                | 50,720     | 45,243 | 95,963  | 51,115     | 32,277 | 83,392   | 177,170                              | 209,904 | 387,074   |
| June " ..                 | 48,456     | 43,523 | 91,979  | 55,423     | 35,448 | 90,871   | 174,463                              | 220,426 | 394,889   |
| 1956-57—                  |            |        |         |            |        |          |                                      |         |           |
| Sept. " ..                | 50,346     | 47,362 | 97,708  | 51,600     | 36,795 | 88,395   | 172,891                              | 233,897 | 406,788   |
| Dec. " ..                 | 49,867     | 36,077 | 85,944  | 52,809     | 36,681 | 89,490   | 171,905                              | 234,454 | 406,359   |
| March " ..                | 50,769     | 37,828 | 88,597  | 46,483     | 41,843 | 88,326   | 176,748                              | 232,249 | 408,997   |
| June " ..                 | 53,142     | 38,107 | 91,249  | 51,599     | 42,885 | 94,484   | 177,464                              | 230,515 | 407,979   |

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September Quarter 1954, includes Northern Territory.

## VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)  
(£'000.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Northern Territory. | Total.    |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | (a)12,367        | 13,035    | 4,322       | 3,010            | 2,237              | 2,101     | 429                           | n.a.                | (a)37,501 |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 19,052           | 17,231    | 6,335       | 4,531            | 3,606              | 2,628     | 680                           | n.a.                | 54,063    |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 24,512           | 19,148    | 6,558       | 6,471            | 5,730              | 2,666     | 718                           | n.a.                | 65,803    |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 25,386           | 21,312    | 6,478       | 6,527            | 6,446              | 2,423     | 970                           | n.a.                | 69,542    |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 27,674           | 24,471    | 7,079       | 6,770            | 8,524              | 2,665     | 735                           | 413                 | 78,331    |
| 1955-56 .. ..             | 31,035           | 27,733    | 7,630       | 8,429            | 8,419              | 3,199     | 1,072                         | 484                 | 88,001    |
| 1956-57 .. ..             | 33,274           | 28,491    | 8,846       | 8,499            | 5,856              | 3,152     | 1,485                         | 571                 | 90,174    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| 1954-55—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| June Qtr. ..              | 29,338           | 26,525    | 8,371       | 6,439            | 9,660              | 2,726     | 835                           | 379                 | 84,273    |
| 1955-56—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| Sept. " ..                | 30,397           | 24,476    | 7,413       | 7,528            | 9,546              | 3,469     | 1,220                         | 450                 | 84,499    |
| Dec. " ..                 | 33,254           | 29,725    | 8,598       | 8,219            | 9,050              | 2,861     | 964                           | 571                 | 93,242    |
| Mar. " ..                 | 27,387           | 28,933    | 6,503       | 7,941            | 7,574              | 3,535     | 1,102                         | 417                 | 83,392    |
| June " ..                 | 33,100           | 27,798    | 8,005       | 10,029           | 7,508              | 2,933     | 1,001                         | 497                 | 90,871    |
| 1956-57—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| Sept. " ..                | 31,805           | 28,954    | 8,553       | 7,901            | 6,485              | 2,930     | 1,073                         | 694                 | 88,395    |
| Dec. " ..                 | 30,197           | 29,111    | 8,406       | 8,958            | 5,954              | 3,030     | 3,091                         | 743                 | 89,490    |
| Mar. " ..                 | 35,794           | 25,730    | 8,655       | 8,588            | 5,107              | 3,214     | 889                           | 349                 | 88,326    |
| June " ..                 | 35,298           | 30,168    | 9,769       | 8,550            | 5,878              | 3,435     | 887                           | 499                 | 94,484    |

(a) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period.                                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Northern Territory. | Total.  |
|---|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| COMMENCED.                              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |         |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>               |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |         |
| 1951-52 .. ..                           | 6,091            | 5,877     | 2,999       | 2,128            | 1,932              | 896       | 78                            | n.a.                | 20,001  |
| 1952-53 .. ..                           | 5,258            | 4,064     | 2,345       | 1,992            | 1,753              | 571       | 132                           | n.a.                | 16,115  |
| 1953-54 .. ..                           | 7,099            | 5,229     | 2,128       | 1,698            | 1,902              | 666       | 89                            | n.a.                | 18,811  |
| 1954-55 .. ..                           | 6,375            | 5,668     | 1,946       | 1,797            | 2,144              | 718       | 160                           | 62                  | 18,870  |
| 1955-56 .. ..                           | 6,109            | 5,311     | 1,793       | 2,095            | 1,584              | 623       | 125                           | 85                  | 17,725  |
| 1956-57 .. ..                           | 6,089            | 4,912     | 1,893       | 1,708            | 1,391              | 648       | 127                           | 63                  | 16,831  |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>                 |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |         |
| 1955-56—Sept. Qtr.                      | 6,849            | 5,529     | 1,950       | 2,348            | 1,919              | 586       | 222                           | 88                  | 19,491  |
| Dec. "                                  | 6,281            | 5,230     | 1,790       | 2,121            | 1,715              | 648       | 115                           | 70                  | 17,970  |
| Mar. "                                  | 5,671            | 5,584     | 1,692       | 2,001            | 1,417              | 592       | 111                           | 71                  | 17,139  |
| June "                                  | 5,636            | 4,902     | 1,741       | 1,907            | 1,285              | 664       | 51                            | 112                 | 16,298  |
| 1956-57—Sept. "                         | 5,904            | 4,843     | 2,214       | 1,742            | 1,173              | 510       | 100                           | 103                 | 16,589  |
| Dec. "                                  | 5,811            | 4,812     | 2,129       | 1,813            | 1,252              | 610       | 99                            | 82                  | 16,608  |
| Mar. "                                  | 6,000            | 4,923     | 1,717       | 1,537            | 1,601              | 730       | 157                           | 28                  | 16,693  |
| June "                                  | 6,641            | 5,071     | 1,512       | 1,740            | 1,539              | 741       | 153                           | 38                  | 17,435  |
| 1957-58—Sept. "                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     | p18,120 |
| COMPLETED.                              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |         |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>               |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |         |
| 1951-52 .. ..                           | 5,837            | 6,022     | 2,951       | 1,928            | 1,644              | 1,000     | 146                           | n.a.                | 19,528  |
| 1952-53 .. ..                           | 6,222            | 5,310     | 2,650       | 2,235            | 1,991              | 829       | 147                           | n.a.                | 19,384  |
| 1953-54 .. ..                           | 6,628            | 5,398     | 2,240       | 1,881            | 1,907              | 658       | 138                           | n.a.                | 18,850  |
| 1954-55 .. ..                           | 7,221            | 5,960     | 1,981       | 1,831            | 2,198              | 620       | 99                            | 50                  | 19,960  |
| 1955-56 .. ..                           | 6,593            | 5,663     | 1,849       | 1,930            | 1,940              | 680       | 151                           | 78                  | 18,884  |
| 1956-57 .. ..                           | 5,567            | 5,046     | 1,804       | 1,798            | 1,258              | 690       | 140                           | 82                  | 16,385  |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>                 |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |         |
| 1955-56—Sept. Qtr.                      | 7,000            | 5,679     | 1,981       | 1,903            | 1,951              | 579       | 132                           | 76                  | 19,301  |
| Dec. "                                  | 6,506            | 6,341     | 1,923       | 2,000            | 2,339              | 715       | 156                           | 80                  | 20,060  |
| Mar. "                                  | 5,991            | 5,298     | 1,668       | 1,837            | 1,684              | 704       | 149                           | 76                  | 17,407  |
| June "                                  | 6,872            | 5,334     | 1,824       | 1,981            | 1,786              | 723       | 168                           | 80                  | 18,768  |
| 1956-57—Sept. "                         | 5,334            | 5,470     | 1,715       | 1,846            | 1,281              | 778       | 175                           | 99                  | 16,698  |
| Dec. "                                  | 5,557            | 5,346     | 1,945       | 2,009            | 1,296              | 780       | 225                           | 86                  | 17,244  |
| Mar. "                                  | 5,573            | 4,480     | 1,711       | 1,629            | 1,021              | 529       | 76                            | 53                  | 15,072  |
| June "                                  | 5,803            | 4,889     | 1,846       | 1,709            | 1,432              | 672       | 85                            | 90                  | 16,526  |
| 1957-58—Sept. "                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     | p16,575 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.(a) |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |         |
| 1951-52 .. ..                           | 32,806           | 26,726    | 5,135       | 7,395            | 6,917              | 3,143     | 708                           | n.a.                | 82,830  |
| 1952-53 .. ..                           | 28,946           | 21,675    | 3,918       | 6,464            | 5,951              | 2,114     | 646                           | n.a.                | 69,714  |
| 1953-54 .. ..                           | 30,828           | 20,995    | 3,470       | 5,750            | 5,932              | 2,149     | 449                           | n.a.                | 69,573  |
| 1954-55 .. ..                           | 27,448           | 19,827    | 3,329       | 5,602            | 5,715              | 2,536     | 691                           | 211                 | 65,359  |
| 1955-56 .. ..                           | 25,516           | 18,399    | 3,106       | 6,252            | 4,284              | 2,305     | 585                           | 240                 | 60,687  |
| 1956-57 .. ..                           | 27,605           | 17,863    | 3,461       | 5,854            | 4,819              | 2,137     | 533                           | 163                 | 62,435  |
| 1955-56—Sept. Qtr. ..                   | 27,297           | 19,677    | 3,298       | 6,047            | 5,676              | 2,543     | 781                           | 223                 | 65,542  |
| Dec. " ..                               | 27,072           | 18,566    | 3,165       | 6,165            | 5,052              | 2,476     | 740                           | 213                 | 63,449  |
| Mar. " ..                               | 26,752           | 18,844    | 3,189       | 6,329            | 4,785              | 2,364     | 702                           | 208                 | 63,173  |
| June " ..                               | 25,516           | 18,399    | 3,106       | 6,252            | 4,284              | 2,305     | 585                           | 240                 | 60,687  |
| 1956-57—Sept. " ..                      | 26,086           | 17,772    | 3,605       | 6,145            | 4,176              | 2,037     | 510                           | 244                 | 60,575  |
| Dec. " ..                               | 26,340           | 17,238    | 3,789       | 5,944            | 4,132              | 1,867     | 384                           | 240                 | 59,934  |
| Mar. " ..                               | 26,767           | 17,681    | 3,795       | 5,823            | 4,712              | 2,068     | 465                           | 215                 | 61,526  |
| June " ..                               | 27,605           | 17,863    | 3,461       | 5,854            | 4,819              | 2,137     | 533                           | 163                 | 62,435  |
| 1957-58—Sept. " ..                      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     | p63,980 |

(a) Partly estimated for New South Wales and total.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p., —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period.                 | Black Coal.   |            |            | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Production). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. |                              | Metals.    |              |                    |   |                      |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|
|                         | Under-ground. | Open Cut.  | Total.     |             |                              | Gas made in Gas-works. | Total Electricity Generated. | Pig Iron.  | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. (b) | Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined. (b) |
|                         | '000 tons.    | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons.  | '000 fine oz.                | Million cubic feet.    | Million kWh.                 | '000 tons. | '000 tons.   | Tons.              | Tons.                                       | Tons.                |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              | (c)        | (c)          |                    |   |                      |
| 1936-37 ..              | 976           | 1          | 977        | 258         | 108.2                        | 1,679                  | 331                          | 76.1       | 90.0         | 5,840              | 17,562                                      | 1,280                |
| 1937-38 ..              | 988           | 2          | 990        | 300         | 123.3                        | 1,746                  | 363                          | 77.5       | 97.2         | 5,810              | 18,797                                      | 1,437                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,048         | 3          | 1,051      | 267         | 135.1                        | 1,789                  | 391                          | 92.1       | 97.5         | 5,819              | 19,416                                      | 1,457                |
| 1950-51 ..              | 1,127         | 241        | 1,368      | 608         | 74.3                         | 3,075                  | 875                          | 109.4      | 120.3        | 6,478              | 15,682                                      | 936                  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 1,243         | 355        | 1,598      | 675         | 75.7                         | 3,366                  | 941                          | 119.2      | 126.8        | 7,011              | 15,680                                      | 1,485                |
| 1952-53 ..              | 1,251         | 294        | 1,545      | 673         | 86.5                         | 3,439                  | 1,004                        | 141.0      | 150.1        | 7,181              | 16,030                                      | 1,595                |
| 1953-54 ..              | 1,362         | 257        | 1,619      | 728         | 92.6                         | 3,508                  | 1,142                        | 152.2      | 176.4        | 8,263              | 19,669                                      | 1,742                |
| 1954-55 ..              | 1,393         | 220        | 1,613      | 806         | 90.0                         | 3,622                  | 1,264                        | 155.7      | 184.1        | 8,372              | 19,613                                      | 2,533                |
| 1955-56 p ..            | 1,403         | 183        | 1,586      | 865         | 86.0                         | 3,719                  | 1,399                        | 159.2      | 193.4        | 8,659              | 18,399                                      | 2,039                |
| 1956-57 p ..            | 1,466         | 172        | 1,638      | 898         | 88.5                         | 3,878                  | 1,531                        | 174.8      | 237.8        | 8,877              | 20,031                                      | 2,442                |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                      |
| 1955-56 p—              |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                      |
| September               | 1,578         | 223        | 1,801      | 904         | 87.5                         | 3,819                  | 1,376                        | 136.7      | 189.1        | 8,804              | 20,722                                      | n.a.                 |
| October ..              | 1,490         | 191        | 1,681      | 889         | 88.4                         | 3,692                  | 1,369                        | 147.7      | 194.2        | 9,023              | 20,057                                      |                      |
| November                | 1,541         | 196        | 1,737      | 869         | 93.5                         | 3,493                  | 1,358                        | 162.1      | 192.2        | 8,872              | 17,310                                      |                      |
| December                | 1,225         | 121        | 1,346      | 785         | 97.5                         | 3,339                  | 1,300                        | 166.1      | 192.7        | 9,037              | 15,061                                      |                      |
| January                 | 747           | 96         | 843        | 813         | 81.6                         | 3,201                  | 1,263                        | 169.4      | 193.8        | 8,685              | 20,991                                      |                      |
| February                | 1,298         | 149        | 1,447      | 787         | 77.3                         | 3,085                  | 1,299                        | 163.4      | 189.1        | 8,025              | 17,342                                      |                      |
| March ..                | 1,308         | 171        | 1,479      | 839         | 78.3                         | 3,350                  | 1,389                        | 172.3      | 193.6        | 8,527              | 17,616                                      |                      |
| April ..                | 1,359         | 188        | 1,547      | 838         | 77.5                         | 3,506                  | 1,356                        | 167.5      | 184.0        | 8,373              | 17,158                                      |                      |
| May ..                  | 1,566         | 208        | 1,774      | 928         | 87.8                         | 4,061                  | 1,545                        | 180.5      | 214.6        | 8,844              | 17,732                                      |                      |
| June ..                 | 1,496         | 195        | 1,691      | 907         | 93.5                         | 4,341                  | 1,565                        | 171.8      | 217.0        | 7,927              | 17,886                                      |                      |
| 1956-57 p—              |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                      |
| July ..                 | 1,642         | 210        | 1,852      | 968         | 93.7                         | 4,654                  | 1,655                        | 179.4      | 230.3        | 9,728              | 24,402                                      | n.a.                 |
| August ..               | 1,717         | 213        | 1,930      | 983         | r84.1                        | 4,526                  | 1,652                        | 152.1      | 206.6        | 8,906              | 21,041                                      |                      |
| September               | 1,521         | 182        | 1,703      | 930         | r90.7                        | 4,078                  | 1,500                        | 178.4      | 228.6        | 8,785              | 20,831                                      |                      |
| October ..              | 1,721         | 188        | 1,909      | 951         | r86.5                        | 3,960                  | 1,538                        | 158.0      | 226.5        | 9,052              | 21,363                                      |                      |
| November                | 1,648         | 196        | 1,844      | 892         | r96.1                        | 3,679                  | 1,486                        | 187.7      | 247.7        | 8,776              | 20,547                                      |                      |
| December                | 1,133         | 142        | 1,275      | 723         | r83.0                        | 3,421                  | 1,394                        | 193.4      | 247.0        | 9,365              | 19,838                                      |                      |
| January ..              | 975           | 110        | 1,085      | 830         | r84.4                        | 3,279                  | 1,410                        | 189.9      | 260.4        | 9,077              | 18,732                                      | 1,366                |
| February                | 1,475         | 148        | 1,623      | 835         | r80.7                        | 3,158                  | 1,388                        | 170.9      | 237.5        | 8,152              | 17,118                                      | 3,555                |
| March ..                | 1,452         | 156        | 1,608      | 892         | r88.6                        | 3,584                  | 1,543                        | 174.4      | 254.5        | 9,030              | 18,024                                      | 3,498                |
| April ..                | 1,358         | 158        | 1,516      | 887         | 90.6                         | 3,629                  | 1,502                        | 168.1      | 246.9        | 8,962              | 17,188                                      | 3,288                |
| May ..                  | 1,529         | 197        | 1,726      | 966         | 87.2                         | 4,313                  | 1,693                        | 173.3      | 250.5        | 9,229              | 21,253                                      | 2,734                |
| June ..                 | 1,421         | 158        | 1,579      | 916         | 96.4                         | 4,257                  | 1,616                        | 181.7      | 246.8        | 7,461              | 20,034                                      | 2,676                |
| 1957-58 p—              |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                      |
| July ..                 | 1,712         | 202        | 1,914      | 986         | 105.2                        | 4,965                  | 1,817                        | 198.8      | 264.2        | 10,919             | 19,938                                      | 2,666                |
| August ..               | 1,650         | 190        | 1,840      | 973         | 86.4                         | 4,708                  | 1,765                        | r196.3     | 271.7        | 9,532              | 21,839                                      | 1,864                |
| September               | 1,636         | 189        | 1,825      | 916         |                              |                        |                              | 182.2      | 261.5        | 9,196              | 20,313                                      | 2,521                |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.  
Association.

(b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources and Australian Mines and Metals

(c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

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# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period.          | Building Materials. |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         | Cooking Stoves. |         |               | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                  | Clay Bricks.        | Roofing Tiles. |         | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) |                         |
|                  |                     | Terra-cotta.   | Cement. |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| Monthly Average— | Million.            | '000.          | '000.   | '000 sq. yds. (d)       | Million sup. ft.        | '000 tons.       | '000 sq. yds.           | No.             | No.     | No.           | No.                     |
| 1936-37 ..       | 53.1                | 2,630          | 326     | 522                     | 53.6                    | 60.0             | 567                     | n.a.            | n.a.    | n.a.          | n.a.                    |
| 1937-38 ..       | 57.4                | 3,023          | 430     | 678                     | 62.2                    | 71.0             | 619                     | 4,562           | 3,481   | 749           | 1,257                   |
| 1938-39 ..       | 60.0                | 3,307          | 374     | 791                     | 59.8                    | 72.3             | 634                     | 4,538           | 3,894   | 730           | 2,458                   |
| 1950-51 ..       | 57.4                | 3,918          | 4,230   | 1,771                   | 105.1                   | 102.9            | 1,265                   | 6,251           | 4,613   | 3,733         | 16,994                  |
| 1951-52 ..       | 60.0                | 4,072          | 5,540   | 1,944                   | 116.0                   | 103.1            | 1,373                   | 5,975           | 4,251   | 4,240         | 16,066                  |
| 1952-53 ..       | 55.6                | 4,831          | 3,338   | 2,022                   | 111.6                   | 119.9            | 1,285                   | 3,994           | 2,978   | 1,883         | 15,179                  |
| 1953-54 ..       | 66.8                | 5,315          | 3,721   | 2,174                   | 116.7                   | 141.7            | 1,349                   | 4,198           | 3,587   | 3,098         | 22,874                  |
| 1954-55 ..       | 69.9                | 5,328          | 4,477   | 2,340                   | 120.8                   | 160.0            | 1,482                   | 4,147           | 4,897   | 3,929         | 23,381                  |
| 1955-56 ..       | 70.0                | 5,392          | 4,483   | 2,208                   | 121.2                   | 169.6            | 1,510                   | 3,942           | 4,753   | 3,984         | 20,617                  |
| 1956-57 p..      | r67.1               | 4,837          | r3,879  | 2,035                   | 119.2                   | 186.3            | r1,295                  | 3,731           | 4,324   | 4,291         | 16,070                  |
| Monthly Total—   |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  | (e)                     |                 |         |               |                         |
| 1955-56 p—       |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| August ..        | 79.3                | 6,137          | 4,932   | 2,318                   | 132.4                   | 170.3            | 1,625                   | 5,116           | 7,662   | 4,589         | 19,848                  |
| September        | 76.1                | 5,751          | 5,014   | 2,254                   | 139.6                   | 173.0            | 1,556                   | 4,496           | 6,283   | 4,070         | 26,195                  |
| October..        | 75.3                | 6,148          | 4,795   | 2,622                   | 127.4                   | 175.3            | 1,522                   | 3,877           | 5,542   | 3,848         | 33,207                  |
| November         | 77.9                | 6,101          | 4,971   | 2,476                   | 134.9                   | 190.9            | 1,610                   | 3,978           | 5,370   | 4,302         | 34,814                  |
| December         | 60.0                | 4,545          | 3,936   | 2,014                   | 135.9                   | 155.4            | 1,166                   | 2,878           | 3,452   | 3,121         | 27,670                  |
| January ..       | 52.3                | 3,801          | 3,339   | 1,340                   | 91.9                    | 135.4            | 1,034                   | 2,479           | 3,017   | 2,842         | 19,604                  |
| February         | 66.8                | 5,445          | 4,390   | 2,236                   | 111.7                   | 152.4            | 1,473                   | 3,790           | 3,962   | 4,183         | 18,611                  |
| March ..         | 66.8                | 5,113          | 4,486   | 2,176                   | 105.3                   | 171.4            | 1,392                   | 3,294           | 3,307   | 3,576         | 17,196                  |
| April ..         | 65.1                | 5,039          | 4,130   | 2,299                   | 96.6                    | 168.6            | 1,348                   | 3,272           | 3,111   | 3,165         | 11,515                  |
| May ..           | 71.5                | 5,921          | 4,441   | 2,485                   | 126.8                   | 181.8            | 1,520                   | 4,195           | 2,896   | 4,173         | 12,938                  |
| June ..          | 65.2                | 5,196          | 3,953   | 2,364                   | 125.1                   | 175.5            | 1,364                   | 4,182           | 2,938   | 3,771         | 13,044                  |
| 1956-57 p—       |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..          | r70.2               | 5,184          | r3,973  | 1,990                   | 116.9                   | 179.6            | r1,386                  | 4,126           | 5,443   | 4,494         | 14,478                  |
| August ..        | r72.4               | 5,431          | r4,110  | 2,042                   | 125.4                   | 197.5            | 1,415                   | 4,418           | 6,113   | 4,922         | 15,929                  |
| September        | r66.3               | 5,102          | r3,889  | 2,155                   | 125.3                   | 176.8            | r1,298                  | 3,626           | 5,112   | 4,383         | 19,292                  |
| October..        | r74.6               | 5,521          | r4,337  | 2,113                   | 139.5                   | 203.6            | r1,409                  | 4,670           | 5,661   | 5,399         | 26,480                  |
| November         | r70.9               | 4,959          | r3,719  | 2,015                   | 141.5                   | 191.6            | 1,391                   | 3,625           | 4,776   | 5,476         | 23,744                  |
| December         | r51.7               | 3,847          | r2,714  | 1,869                   | 115.8                   | 167.1            | r1,018                  | 2,916           | 3,270   | 4,146         | 18,936                  |
| January..        | r50.2               | 3,356          | r2,880  | 1,293                   | 92.3                    | r151.8           | r1,015                  | 2,824           | 2,670   | 2,587         | 16,143                  |
| February         | r65.7               | 4,626          | r3,904  | 1,995                   | 113.2                   | 171.2            | 1,309                   | 2,834           | 3,631   | 3,612         | 13,018                  |
| March ..         | r69.8               | 4,712          | r3,970  | 2,362                   | 112.4                   | 199.9            | 1,327                   | 3,746           | 3,802   | 4,348         | 12,957                  |
| April ..         | r67.9               | 4,817          | r4,069  | 1,914                   | 107.3                   | 197.7            | 1,249                   | 3,707           | 3,431   | 3,964         | 10,567                  |
| May ..           | 77.7                | 5,551          | r4,928  | 2,388                   | 122.2                   | 203.7            | 1,436                   | 4,709           | 4,384   | 4,671         | 11,409                  |
| June ..          | r68.2               | 4,940          | r4,059  | 2,284                   | 119.1                   | 195.2            | 1,288                   | 3,573           | 3,593   | 3,484         | 9,888                   |
| 1957-58 p—       |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..          | 77.9                | 5,511          | 4,513   | r2,181                  |                         | 207.7            | r1,441                  | 4,080           | 4,330   | 5,753         | 11,428                  |
| August ..        | 75.2                | 5,118          | 4,464   | 2,274                   |                         | 200.4            | 1,412                   | 4,475           | 4,881   | 4,227         | 12,692                  |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.  
(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stoves and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.  
(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955, represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

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# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period.                 | Cotton Textiles. |   | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Wool Textiles.               |             |                  | Boots and Shoes (not Rubber). |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
|                         | Cotton Yarn.     | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). |                     | Scoured and Carbonized Wool. | Yarn.       | Woven Cloth.     |                               |
|                         | '000 lb.         | '000 sq. yds.                                       | '000 sq. yds.       | Million lb.                  | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs.                   |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 730              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 8.4                          | 2.14        | 2.04             | 1,208                         |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 965              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 7.9                          | 2.51        | 2.47             | 1,176                         |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 974              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 8.8                          | 2.71        | 2.65             | 1,164                         |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,938            | 2,537   | 905                 | 12.7                         | 3.87        | 3.16             | 1,409                         |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 2,872            | 2,617   | 905                 | 10.1                         | 3.04        | 2.42             | 1,400                         |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 2,302            | 2,052   | 1,289               | 10.3                         | 2.97        | 2.39             | 1,374                         |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 3,175            | 2,678   | 1,686               | 11.4                         | 3.83        | 2.73             | 1,548                         |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 3,458            | 2,753   | 1,259               | 11.3                         | 3.56        | 2.38             | 1,492                         |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 3,379            | 3,222   | 1,308               | 12.1                         | 3.60        | 2.33             | 1,501                         |
| 1956-57 p ..            | r3,555           | 3,856   | 1,878               | 13.7                         | 4.02        | 2.73             | r1,607                        |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| 1955-56 p—              |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| August .. ..            | 3,824            | 3,271   | 1,304               | 11.5                         | 3.86        | 2.45             | 1,761                         |
| September ..            | 3,575            | 3,136   | 1,156               | 10.0                         | 3.75        | 2.33             | 1,618                         |
| October .. ..           | 3,441            | 3,071   | 1,161               | 11.7                         | 3.58        | 2.23             | 1,531                         |
| November ..             | 3,847            | 3,127   | 1,348               | 13.0                         | 4.00        | 2.50             | 1,621                         |
| December ..             | 2,521            | 2,214   | 1,031               | 11.1                         | 2.83        | 1.69             | 1,164                         |
| January .. ..           | 2,414            | 2,494   | 1,105               | 9.1                          | 2.39        | 1.63             | 957                           |
| February ..             | 3,644            | 3,282   | 1,476               | 12.1                         | 3.97        | 2.57             | 1,502                         |
| March .. ..             | 3,301            | 3,222   | 1,351               | 12.6                         | 4.04        | 2.41             | 1,577                         |
| April .. ..             | 3,189            | 3,321   | 1,526               | 11.6                         | 3.54        | 2.12             | 1,456                         |
| May .. ..               | 3,730            | 3,945   | 1,500               | 14.2                         | 4.47        | 2.63             | 1,740                         |
| June .. ..              | 3,423            | 3,579   | 1,516               | 14.7                         | 4.08        | 2.32             | 1,560                         |
| 1956-57 p—              |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| July .. ..              | r3,653           | 3,899   | 1,627               | 13.4                         | 3.81        | 2.54             | r1,677                        |
| August .. ..            | 3,982            | 4,144   | r1,536              | 13.3                         | r4.29       | 2.81             | r1,831                        |
| September ..            | r3,520           | 3,831   | r1,575              | 11.9                         | 4.01        | 2.71             | 1,668                         |
| October .. ..           | r4,028           | 4,276   | 1,714               | 13.2                         | r4.55       | 3.20             | r1,878                        |
| November ..             | r3,561           | 3,938   | 1,765               | 13.8                         | 4.19        | 2.92             | r1,712                        |
| December ..             | 2,554            | 2,852   | 1,252               | 12.3                         | r3.00       | r2.06            | r1,208                        |
| January .. ..           | 2,939            | 3,128   | 1,761               | 11.9                         | 2.97        | 2.20             | r1,088                        |
| February ..             | 3,571            | 4,014   | 2,017               | 14.7                         | 4.33        | 2.92             | r1,547                        |
| March .. ..             | r3,598           | 3,852   | 2,443               | 14.6                         | 4.32        | 2.96             | r1,659                        |
| April .. ..             | r3,458           | 3,875   | 2,053               | 13.9                         | 4.07        | 2.73             | r1,601                        |
| May .. ..               | r4,134           | 4,476   | 2,297               | 16.0                         | r4.71       | 3.11             | r1,849                        |
| June .. ..              | r3,659           | 3,982   | 2,496               | 15.3                         | r3.98       | 2.66             | r1,563                        |
| 1957-58 p—              |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| July .. ..              | 4,321            | 4,434   | r2,430              | 15.5                         | 4.35        | 2.99             | r1,756                        |
| August .. ..            | 3,837            | 3,796   | 2,169               | 13.2                         | 4.07        | 2.82             | 1,710                         |

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# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period.                 | Hosiery.            |  |                     |   | Underwear.(a)                      |                                      | Shirts,<br>Men's<br>and<br>Boys'. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Men's.<br>(b)       | Women's.<br>Full Fash.<br>and Circular.<br>(c) | Children's.         | Anklets (All<br>Types) and<br>Infants' and<br>Babies' Wear. | Men's,<br>Youths'<br>and<br>Boys'. | Women's,<br>Maids'<br>and<br>Girls'. |                                   |
|                         | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.<br>pairs.                            | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.<br>pairs.   | '000 doz.                          | '000 doz.                            | '000 doz.                         |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |  |                     |   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 83.1                | 157.1  | (d)49.1             | (e)   | 191.8                              |                                      | (f)60.6                           |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 86.7                | 183.7  | (d)52.0             | (e)   | 227.6                              |                                      | (f)69.9                           |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 91.9                | 178.0  | (d)51.0             | (e)   | 229.2                              |                                      | (f)56.2                           |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 128.0               | 123.1  | (d)78.6             | (e)   | 107.7                              | 201.9                                | 89.5                              |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 121.8               | 128.7  | (g)                 | 65.3  | 105.6                              | 196.6                                | 96.5                              |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 131.2               | 156.4  |                     | 73.6  | 93.6                               | 173.7                                | 73.4                              |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 157.9               | 179.1  |                     | 101.2   | 120.8                              | 224.4                                | 103.3                             |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 138.7               | 201.8  |                     | 93.9  | 119.6                              | 235.4                                | 117.5                             |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 130.0               | 192.0  |                     | 88.6  | 130.3                              | 234.4                                | 109.1                             |
| 1956-57 p ..            | 120.6               | 236.1  | 66.6                | (h) 9.2   | 138.1                              | 242.4                                | r117.9                            |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |  |                     |   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1955-56 p—              |                     |  |                     |   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| August .. ..            | 143.3               | 189.8  | (g)                 | 99.8  | 153.7                              | 248.1                                | 150.0                             |
| September ..            | 128.9               | 205.7  |                     | 96.8  | 136.0                              | 241.7                                | 142.8                             |
| October .. ..           | 132.2               | 195.3  |                     | 96.4  | 140.5                              | 257.3                                | 133.5                             |
| November ..             | 152.3               | 213.9  |                     | 103.9   | 158.5                              | 289.4                                | 143.9                             |
| December ..             | 104.0               | 159.5  |                     | 73.1  | 102.8                              | 200.7                                | 106.1                             |
| January .. ..           | 87.2                | 112.4  |                     | 59.9  | 77.6                               | 147.7                                | 44.9                              |
| February ..             | 137.8               | 191.7  |                     | 91.6  | 141.3                              | 246.8                                | 85.5                              |
| March .. ..             | 129.9               | 199.9  |                     | 92.7  | 138.6                              | 234.1                                | 84.3                              |
| April .. ..             | 121.3               | 179.5  |                     | 80.5  | 120.9                              | 214.1                                | 81.9                              |
| May .. ..               | 150.5               | 216.0  |                     | 94.2  | 146.6                              | 254.0                                | 108.5                             |
| June .. ..              | 135.1               | 228.0  |                     | 85.1  | 113.4                              | 226.8                                | 105.6                             |
| 1956-57 p—              |                     |  |                     | (h)   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | 120.0               | 246.0  | 75.5                | 11.7  | 143.1                              | 257.4                                | r127.7                            |
| August .. ..            | r138.8              | 256.4  | 74.9                | 11.2  | 143.3                              | 265.1                                | 146.8                             |
| September ..            | 132.9               | 242.4  | 71.7                | 10.5  | 143.0                              | 240.9                                | r139.1                            |
| October .. ..           | 150.4               | 274.8  | 76.0                | 12.0  | 171.2                              | 297.5                                | r165.6                            |
| November ..             | 134.4               | 259.4  | 70.3                | 10.8  | 156.2                              | 280.0                                | r146.3                            |
| December ..             | 91.2                | 188.6  | 55.0                | 7.7   | 116.9                              | 221.2                                | r102.2                            |
| January .. ..           | 78.6                | 174.3  | 45.8                | 5.5   | 101.2                              | 172.5                                | 59.2                              |
| February ..             | 116.6               | 242.8  | 70.7                | 8.3   | 145.9                              | 261.2                                | r100.5                            |
| March .. ..             | 123.2               | 248.0  | 70.3                | 7.5   | 141.8                              | 247.1                                | r96.1                             |
| April .. ..             | 116.7               | 222.6  | 61.3                | 8.1   | 121.4                              | 211.2                                | 99.3                              |
| May .. ..               | 130.6               | 251.9  | 69.1                | 8.8   | 148.4                              | 243.1                                | r122.3                            |
| June .. ..              | 114.2               | 226.0  | 59.0                | 8.8   | 125.1                              | 211.6                                | r109.9                            |
| 1957-58 p—              |                     |  |                     |   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | 127.2               | 247.6  | 65.0                | 10.1  | r151.1                             | r252.2                               | r155.0                            |
| August .. ..            | 131.1               | 225.9  | 63.9                | 7.9   | 165.2                              | 242.7                                | 153.5                             |

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.  
(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

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# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK

| Period.                 | Wheaten Flour.   | Refined Sugar. | Whole Milk for All Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). |         |                                     | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a) |            |            |                          |            | Beer.      |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
|                         |                  |                |                              | Butter.                              | Cheese. | Processed Full Cream Milk Products. | Beef (including Veal)     | Mutton.    | Lamb.      | Total Pigeats (as Pork). | Total. (b) |            |
|                         | '000 short tons. | '000 tons.     | Million gals.                | Tons.                                | Tons.   | '000 gals.(c)                       | '000 tons.                | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons.               | '000 tons. | '000 gals. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| 1936-37                 | 102.4            | 27.0           | 89.9                         | 13,908                               | 1,636   | n.a.                                | 45.9                      | 16.0       | 10.0       | 7.7                      | 79.6       | 6,261      |
| 1937-38                 | 104.2            | 28.9           | 96.4                         | 15,242                               | 2,018   | n.a.                                | 49.7                      | 17.2       | 9.9        | 7.2                      | 84.0       | 7,084      |
| 1938-39                 | 114.4            | 28.2           | 99.2                         | 16,232                               | 2,415   | 2,781                               | 46.6                      | 17.1       | 9.6        | 7.2                      | 80.5       | 7,523      |
| 1950-51                 | 141.3            | 37.6           | 99.8                         | 13,303                               | 3,692   | 7,069                               | 54.3                      | 13.5       | 9.4        | 7.1                      | 84.3       | 14,397     |
| 1951-52                 | 143.4            | 41.1           | 87.3                         | 10,931                               | 3,382   | 6,360                               | 48.5                      | 14.6       | 8.9        | 7.1                      | 79.1       | 15,398     |
| 1952-53                 | 143.9            | 36.7           | 101.3                        | 13,632                               | 3,883   | 6,951                               | 56.2                      | 20.8       | 12.2       | 6.9                      | 96.1       | 16,446     |
| 1953-54                 | 134.1            | 37.4           | 99.1                         | 13,010                               | 4,087   | 6,314                               | 58.7                      | 19.8       | 10.6       | 7.0                      | 96.1       | 17,380     |
| 1954-55                 | 129.4            | 40.1           | 110.5                        | 15,667                               | 3,765   | 5,364                               | 60.0                      | 20.0       | 12.3       | 8.3                      | 100.6      | 18,473     |
| 1955-56                 | p127.8           | p41.0          | 117.1                        | 17,149                               | 3,223   | 6,217                               | 62.6                      | 19.5       | 12.1       | 7.8                      | 102.0      | p19,420    |
| 1956-57p                | 138.1            | 39.9           | 113.5                        | 15,807                               | 3,734   | 6,785                               | 67.0                      | 18.1       | 11.6       | 7.4                      | 104.1      | 18,793     |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| 1955-56—                | p                |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            | p          |
| Aug. ..                 | 119.4            | r40.6          | 98.1                         | 13,277                               | 3,162   | 5,350                               | 70.3                      | 17.3       | 8.7        | 7.9                      | 104.2      | 18,289     |
| Sept. ..                | 114.4            | r42.6          | 125.2                        | 18,197                               | 4,376   | 7,496                               | 71.2                      | 19.5       | 13.7       | 7.7                      | 112.1      | 20,164     |
| Oct. ..                 | 129.7            | r44.6          | 158.1                        | 24,311                               | 5,360   | 9,178                               | 67.6                      | 22.0       | 22.8       | 7.5                      | 119.9      | 21,947     |
| Nov. ..                 | 138.8            | r44.1          | 166.8                        | 26,166                               | 5,254   | 9,836                               | 67.2                      | 23.2       | 21.8       | 9.2                      | 121.4      | 23,259     |
| Dec. ..                 | 135.6            | r40.1          | 160.3                        | 25,276                               | 4,579   | 8,921                               | 60.7                      | 23.8       | 17.5       | 10.8                     | 112.8      | 23,958     |
| Jan. ..                 | 119.9            | r42.2          | 151.2                        | 23,919                               | 3,697   | 8,043                               | 50.2                      | 22.1       | 10.3       | 6.7                      | 89.3       | 20,498     |
| Feb. ..                 | 108.6            | r40.2          | 128.0                        | 20,036                               | 2,521   | 5,994                               | 52.4                      | 20.6       | 9.2        | 7.1                      | 89.3       | 21,120     |
| Mar. ..                 | 128.1            | r41.4          | 109.4                        | 15,887                               | 2,321   | 5,382                               | 53.6                      | 18.7       | 9.3        | 7.7                      | 89.3       | 20,943     |
| Apr. ..                 | 131.3            | p37.6          | 90.0                         | 12,329                               | 1,860   | 4,070                               | 53.0                      | 17.5       | 8.2        | 7.4                      | 86.1       | 16,966     |
| May ..                  | 147.6            | p43.3          | 77.6                         | 9,845                                | 1,666   | 3,717                               | 65.0                      | 16.9       | 8.2        | 7.9                      | 98.0       | 15,605     |
| June ..                 | 135.3            | p36.2          | 68.9                         | 8,069                                | 1,715   | 3,306                               | 72.3                      | 16.6       | 8.2        | 7.2                      | 104.3      | 14,257     |
| <b>1956-57p—</b>        |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| July ..                 | 137.9            | 38.4           | 77.1                         | 9,229                                | 2,352   | 3,967                               | 69.8                      | 16.1       | 8.1        | 6.9                      | 100.9      | 15,417     |
| Aug. ..                 | 145.8            | 39.1           | 102.6                        | 13,758                               | 3,561   | 5,926                               | 70.0                      | 16.3       | 9.4        | 6.9                      | 102.6      | 17,004     |
| Sept. ..                | 147.9            | 41.3           | 123.7                        | 17,277                               | 4,973   | 8,014                               | 65.7                      | 16.1       | 11.8       | 6.3                      | 99.9       | 17,495     |
| Oct. ..                 | 144.1            | 44.4           | 162.6                        | 24,187                               | 6,514   | 10,711                              | 64.7                      | 17.9       | 14.8       | 7.8                      | 105.2      | 22,129     |
| Nov. ..                 | 146.3            | 42.8           | 163.0                        | 24,412                               | 6,372   | 10,639                              | 66.6                      | 18.9       | 15.6       | 8.8                      | 109.9      | 22,160     |
| Dec. ..                 | 141.7            | 40.5           | 159.3                        | 24,071                               | 5,747   | 9,799                               | 58.1                      | 17.9       | 16.2       | 10.3                     | 102.5      | 23,555     |
| Jan. ..                 | 140.0            | 35.7           | 146.9                        | 22,152                               | 4,530   | 8,782                               | 54.5                      | 19.4       | 11.8       | 6.1                      | 91.8       | 21,089     |
| Feb. ..                 | 135.0            | 37.5           | 113.7                        | 16,324                               | 3,053   | 6,727                               | 58.5                      | 19.4       | 9.9        | 6.6                      | 94.4       | 18,215     |
| Mar. ..                 | 138.9            | 42.5           | 103.8                        | 14,151                               | 2,698   | 6,085                               | 68.1                      | 19.4       | 10.2       | 7.1                      | 104.8      | 18,313     |
| Apr. ..                 | 116.1            | 36.3           | 82.4                         | 10,516                               | 1,886   | 4,235                               | 63.2                      | 18.0       | 9.3        | 7.3                      | 97.8       | 17,595     |
| May ..                  | 136.5            | 41.6           | 68.3                         | 7,718                                | 1,589   | 3,462                               | 83.5                      | 20.1       | 11.6       | 7.7                      | 122.9      | 17,693     |
| June ..                 | 127.5            | 39.1           | 58.9                         | 5,892                                | 1,529   | 3,073                               | 81.4                      | 18.4       | 10.0       | 7.2                      | 117.0      | 14,849     |
| <b>1957-58p—</b>        |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| July ..                 | 138.5            | 40.8           | 68.9                         | 7,569                                | 2,022   | 3,721                               | 81.5                      | 17.4       | 8.9        | 7.6                      | 115.4      | 16,644     |
| August                  | 139.5            | 41.7           | 89.9                         | 11,257                               | 2,924   | 5,753                               | 73.2                      | 16.5       | 8.8        | 7.5                      | 106.0      | 15,635     |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

(c) Whole milk equivalent.

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# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period.                 | Tobacco,<br>Cigars and<br>Cigarettes.<br>(a) | Chemicals and Allied Products. |                      |  |                                   | Motor Bodies.            |                              |            | Pneumatic<br>Tyres—<br>Motor<br>Cycle,<br>Car,<br>Truck,<br>Aero, etc. |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--|
|                         |  | Sulphuric<br>Acid<br>(100 %).  | Super-<br>phosphate. | Paints.                                  |                                   | Sedans<br>and<br>Coupes. | Tourers<br>and<br>Roadsters. | Utilities. |  |
|                         |  |                                |                      | Ready-<br>Mixed<br>Paint and<br>Enamels. | Lacquers,<br>Nitro-<br>Cellulose. |                          |                              |            |  |
|                         | '000 lb.                                     | '000<br>tons.                  | '000<br>tons.        | '000<br>gals.                            | '000<br>gals.                     | No.                      | No.                          | No.        | '000.  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |
| 1936-37 .. .. .         | 1,805  | 36.4                           | 90.9                 | n.a.                                     | n.a.                              | 3,660                    | 478                          | 610        | n.a.   |
| 1937-38 .. .. .         | 1,904  | 41.3                           | 102.8                | 209                                      | 60                                | 4,032                    | 804                          | 518        | n.a.   |
| 1938-39 .. .. .         | 1,939  | 40.8                           | 100.0                | 224                                      | 48                                | 3,426                    | 816                          | 715        | n.a.   |
| 1950-51 .. .. .         | 2,652  | 53.3                           | 129.0                | 623                                      | 96                                | 3,036                    | 387                          | 1,853      | 187  |
| 1951-52 .. .. .         | 2,795  | 54.2                           | 133.1                | 633                                      | 99                                | 3,486                    | 390                          | 1,865      | 213  |
| 1952-53 .. .. .         | 3,029  | 52.3                           | 131.7                | 534                                      | 84                                | 4,133                    |                              | 1,745      | 141  |
| 1953-54 .. .. .         | 3,487  | 61.0                           | 147.6                | 657                                      | 109                               | 5,514                    |                              | 2,088      | 241  |
| 1954-55 .. .. .         | 3,706  | 69.6                           | 163.4                | 812                                      | 123                               | 6,002                    |                              | 2,245      | 293  |
| 1955-56 .. .. .         | 3,842  | 74.7                           | 177.2                | 890                                      | 125                               | 6,840                    |                              | 2,030      | 303  |
| 1956-57 p.. .. .        | 4,079  | 73.0                           | 163.4                | 902                                      | 121                               | 6,463                    |                              | 1,808      | 284  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |
| 1955-56 p—              |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |
| August .. .. .          | 3,992  | 64.5                           | 149.6                | 921                                      | 137                               | 7,703                    |                              | 2,344      | 350  |
| September .. .. .       | 3,795  | 78.7                           | 181.9                | 977                                      | 131                               | 7,351                    |                              | 2,391      | 336  |
| October .. .. .         | 3,748  | 75.7                           | 168.1                | 983                                      | 135                               | 6,790                    |                              | 2,156      | 309  |
| November .. .. .        | 4,090  | 80.1                           | 198.3                | 1,039                                    | 142                               | 7,563                    |                              | 2,499      | 332  |
| December .. .. .        | 3,752  | 80.4                           | 179.1                | 868                                      | 109                               | 5,778                    |                              | 1,885      | 245  |
| January .. .. .         | 3,474  | 76.1                           | 189.2                | 695                                      | 93                                | 4,355                    |                              | 1,288      | 204  |
| February .. .. .        | 3,851  | 80.6                           | 211.5                | 829                                      | 129                               | 6,826                    |                              | 2,202      | 296  |
| March .. .. .           | 3,978  | 78.1                           | 187.8                | 922                                      | 131                               | 7,047                    |                              | 2,020      | 282  |
| April .. .. .           | 3,810  | 76.7                           | 176.4                | 873                                      | 123                               | 5,943                    |                              | 1,780      | 280  |
| May .. .. .             | 3,844  | 72.4                           | 178.0                | 1,032                                    | 137                               | 7,152                    |                              | 2,023      | 339  |
| June .. .. .            | 3,649  | 66.7                           | 159.6                | 800                                      | 117                               | 5,448                    |                              | 1,694      | 301  |
| 1956-57 p—              |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |
| July .. .. .            | 3,848  | 58.3                           | 114.4                | 811                                      | r117                              | 5,585                    |                              | 1,881      | 325  |
| August .. .. .          | 3,988  | 65.7                           | 150.9                | 879                                      | 122                               | 6,860                    |                              | 1,685      | 325  |
| September .. .. .       | 3,843  | 66.9                           | 119.3                | r885                                     | 113                               | 5,756                    |                              | 1,632      | 284  |
| October .. .. .         | 4,408  | 69.1                           | 161.6                | r1,044                                   | r127                              | 6,854                    |                              | 2,073      | 304  |
| November .. .. .        | 4,305  | 63.3                           | 128.8                | 1,051                                    | 123                               | 7,214                    |                              | 2,061      | 311  |
| December .. .. .        | 3,811  | 60.5                           | 127.1                | 899                                      | 97                                | 5,344                    |                              | 871        | 211  |
| January .. .. .         | 4,071  | 69.8                           | 167.8                | 747                                      | 101                               | 5,053                    |                              | 967        | 205  |
| February .. .. .        | 4,147  | 82.1                           | 200.8                | 944                                      | 127                               | 6,693                    |                              | 2,271      | 292  |
| March .. .. .           | 4,074  | 88.8                           | 199.5                | 973                                      | 146                               | 7,971                    |                              | 2,124      | 274  |
| April .. .. .           | 3,953  | 85.8                           | 191.9                | r900                                     | 127                               | 6,248                    |                              | 1,855      | 281  |
| May .. .. .             | 4,612  | 87.5                           | 223.8                | 971                                      | 143                               | 7,486                    |                              | 2,312      | 335  |
| June .. .. .            | 3,892  | 78.9                           | 189.1                | 721                                      | 112                               | 6,492                    |                              | 1,959      | 258  |
| 1957-58 p—              |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |
| July .. .. .            | 3,914  | 80.7                           | 178.2                | 831                                      | 128                               | 8,425                    |                              | 2,280      | 335  |
| August .. .. .          | 3,770  | 88.0                           | 196.0                | 931                                      | 131                               | 8,230                    |                              | 2,170      | 277  |

(a) Details for 1954-55 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production ; 1955-56 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid.

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# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

| Period.     | Belgium.<br>(a) | Canada.<br>(b) | Denmark.<br>(b) | France.<br>(b) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether-<br>lands. | Norway.<br>(b) | Sweden.<br>(b) | United<br>King-<br>dom.<br>(c) | U.S.A.<br>(b) (d) |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1950 ..     | r93             | 85             | 98              | 87             | 79     | 55     | 87                | 87             | 97             | 94                             | 84                |
| 1951 ..     | r106            | 91             | 100             | 98             | 90     | 74     | 91                | 94             | 101            | 97                             | 90                |
| 1952 ..     | 100             | 94             | 96              | 99             | 91     | 82     | 91                | 95             | 99             | 94                             | 93                |
| 1953 ..     | 100             | 100            | 100             | 100            | 100    | 100    | 100               | 100            | 100            | 100                            | 100               |
| 1954 ..     | 106             | 98             | 109             | 110            | 109    | 108    | 110               | 109            | 104            | 107                            | 93                |
| 1955 ..     | 116             | 107            | 112             | 120            | 118    | 117    | 118               | 117            | 111            | 113                            | 104               |
| 1956 ..     | 122             | r114           | 111             | 133            | 128    | 142    | 124               | 122            | 114            | 112                            | 107               |
| 1955—       |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                |                |                                |                   |
| July ..     | 100             | 106            | 76              | 113            | 124    | 117    | 116               | 78             | 61             | 101                            | 97                |
| August ..   | 112             | 109            | 114             | 94             | 103    | 118    | 116               | 108            | 106            | 98                             | 104               |
| September.. | 120             | 113            | 120             | 119            | 125    | 121    | 123               | 121            | 116            | 116                            | 106               |
| October ..  | 119             | 114            | 118             | 123            | 126    | 120    | 125               | 124            | 117            | 121                            | 110               |
| November..  | 124             | 114            | 119             | 131            | 121    | 122    | 126               | 127            | 122            | 121                            | 108               |
| December..  | 128             | 106            | 110             | 127            | 122    | 128    | 124               | 117            | 116            | 114                            | 106               |
| 1956—       |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                |                |                                |                   |
| January ..  | 122             | 104            | 110             | 133            | 120    | 118    | 117               | 126            | 114            | 115                            | 107               |
| February .. | 113             | 107            | 113             | 129            | 115    | 124    | 111               | 143            | 113            | 117                            | 107               |
| March ..    | 124             | 112            | 109             | 132            | 130    | 130    | 128               | 118            | 119            | 116                            | 107               |
| April ..    | 127             | 112            | 102             | 140            | 123    | 137    | 119               | 120            | 119            | r113                           | 107               |
| May ..      | 129             | 114            | 113             | 146            | 133    | 137    | 129               | 112            | 120            | 112                            | 105               |
| June ..     | 125             | 120            | 114             | 139            | 131    | 139    | 130               | 128            | r118           | 117                            | 105               |
| July ..     | 108             | 115            | 75              | 132            | 135    | 142    | 120               | 80             | 61             | 105                            | 96                |
| August ..   | 117             | 116            | 115             | 92             | 110    | 142    | 121               | 122            | 110            | 93                             | 106               |
| September.. | 124             | 120            | 121             | 134            | 133    | 145    | 123               | 132            | r121           | 116                            | 109               |
| October ..  | 127             | 121            | 124             | 141            | 141    | 146    | 136               | 133            | 125            | 118                            | 113               |
| November..  | 129             | 120            | 125             | 147            | 133    | 150    | 134               | 135            | 125            | 120                            | 110               |
| December .. | 123             | 113            | 116             | 145            | 128    | 155    | 117               | 121            | 123            | 110                            | 107               |
| 1957—       |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                |                |                                |                   |
| January ..  | 123             | r110           | 118             | 140            | 133    | 141    | r128              | 127            | r119           | 113                            | 108               |
| February .. | 129             | 113            | 122             | 144            | 127    | 151    | 119               | 144            | r123           | r118                           | 110               |
| March ..    | 128             | 114            | 122             | 145            | r138   | 158    | 127               | 134            | r123           | 119                            | 110               |
| April ..    | r131            | 115            | 119             | 146            | r136   | 161    | 125               | 117            | r126           | 111                            | 107               |
| May ..      | r131            | r117           | 119             | 151            | r142   | 166    | r136              | 126            | r126           | 121                            | 107               |
| June ..     | 122             | 119            | 117             | 150            | r135   | r166   | 125               | r131           | 125            | 117                            | 108               |
| July ..     | 92              | 114            | 77              | 139            | 146    | 169    | 129               | 88             | 62             | 107                            | 101               |
| August ..   |                 |                | 116             | 98             |        | 162    | 123               | 125            | 115            | 98                             | 107               |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days.  
(c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction.

(b) Adjusted for number of working days.  
(d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

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# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

| Period.                  | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. |                              |               | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. |                              |               |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|
|                          | Motor Cars.(a)                               | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. (a)                              | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. |
|                          | '000.  | '000.                        | '000.         |  |                              |               |
| <b>Monthly Averages.</b> |  |                              |               |  |                              |               |
| 1947-48(b) ..            | 592  | 412                          | 100           | 3,562  | (c)2,397                     | 1,192         |
| 1948-49(b) ..            | 655  | 450                          | 117           | 5,539  | (c)3,056                     | 1,852         |
| 1949-50(b) ..            | 768  | 499                          | 134           | 9,584  | (c)4,829                     | 2,232         |
| 1950-51(b) ..            | 882  | 548                          | 145           | 10,671                                       | 6,461                        | 2,263         |
| 1951-52(b) ..            | 1,031  | 581                          | 154           | 10,480                                       | 6,085                        | 1,846         |
| 1952-53(b) ..            | 1,108  | 579                          | 148           | 7,773  | 4,337                        | 941           |
| 1953-54 ..               | 1,200  | 607                          | 140           | 10,466                                       | 4,783                        | 905           |
| 1954-55 ..               | 1,347  | 650                          | 133           | 13,900                                       | 5,598                        | 941           |
| 1955-56 ..               | 1,472  | 679                          | 126           | 13,644                                       | 5,766                        | 878           |
| 1956-57 ..               | 1,569  | 703                          | 120           | 12,481                                       | 4,916                        | 805           |
| <b>Monthly Totals.</b>   |  |                              |               |  |                              |               |
| 1955-56—                 |  |                              |               | (d)  | (d)                          | (d)           |
| September ..             | 1,383  | 656                          | 130           | 15,991                                       | 6,563                        | 936           |
| October ..               | 1,392  | 657                          | 130           | 15,010                                       | 6,564                        | 910           |
| November ..              | 1,409  | 663                          | 130           | 14,897                                       | 5,994                        | 1,007         |
| December ..              | 1,420  | 666                          | 129           | 14,413                                       | 5,850                        | 1,004         |
| January ..               | 1,428  | 660                          | 128           | 9,887  | 4,563                        | 866           |
| February ..              | 1,440  | 670                          | 128           | 12,343                                       | 5,325                        | 881           |
| March ..                 | 1,452  | 674                          | 128           | 14,202                                       | 5,631                        | 978           |
| April ..                 | 1,456  | 674                          | 127           | 10,999                                       | 5,037                        | 749           |
| May ..                   | 1,464  | 677                          | 126           | 12,213                                       | 6,182                        | 887           |
| June ..                  | 1,472  | 679                          | 126           | 11,738                                       | 5,280                        | 633           |
| 1956-57—                 |  |                              |               |  |                              |               |
| July ..                  | 1,478  | 681                          | 125           | 11,778                                       | 5,436                        | 644           |
| August ..                | 1,489  | 685                          | 125           | 13,653                                       | 5,225                        | 800           |
| September ..             | 1,494  | 683                          | 124           | 11,506                                       | 4,547                        | 662           |
| October ..               | 1,509  | 689                          | 124           | 13,429                                       | 5,499                        | 875           |
| November ..              | 1,520  | 693                          | 124           | 14,058                                       | 5,632                        | 867           |
| December ..              | 1,527  | 694                          | 124           | 12,030                                       | 4,389                        | 782           |
| January ..               | 1,536  | 695                          | 123           | 10,898                                       | 3,858                        | 842           |
| February ..              | 1,543  | 697                          | 123           | 12,099                                       | 3,319                        | 903           |
| March ..                 | 1,551  | 699                          | 122           | 12,090                                       | 5,290                        | 906           |
| April ..                 | 1,557  | 700                          | 122           | 11,344                                       | 4,737                        | 761           |
| May ..                   | 1,564  | 702                          | 121           | 14,550                                       | 5,751                        | 872           |
| June ..                  | 1,569  | 703                          | 120           | 12,337                                       | 5,314                        | 744           |
| 1957-58—                 |  |                              |               |  |                              |               |
| July ..                  | 1,578  | 710                          | 119           | 12,994                                       | 5,280                        | 690           |
| August p..               |  |                              |               | 11,500                                       | 5,600                        | 780           |
| September p              |  |                              |               | 13,350                                       | 5,650                        | 810           |

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

| Period.                 | Revenue<br>Train-Miles. | Goods and Livestock.(a) |                       | Passenger<br>Journeys. | Revenue. |        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
|                         |                         | Tons Carried.           | Net Ton-<br>miles.(b) |                        | Gross.   | Net.   |
|                         | '000.                   | '000.                   | Million.              | '000.                  | £'000.   | £'000. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| 1946-47 .. ..           | 7,129                   | 3,161                   | 467.1                 | 41,931                 | 5,533    | 455    |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 7,310                   | 3,345                   | 494.5                 | 42,564                 | 6,450    | 511    |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 7,690                   | 3,428                   | 517.7                 | 42,225                 | 7,165    | 85     |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 7,785                   | 3,362                   | 516.9                 | 42,054                 | 7,683    | -205   |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 7,390                   | 3,392                   | 523.1                 | 39,674                 | 8,804    | -594   |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 7,780                   | 3,672                   | 562.9                 | 41,707                 | 11,626   | -721   |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 7,394                   | 3,644                   | 547.8                 | 41,468                 | 12,903   | -560   |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 7,789                   | 3,880                   | 579.4                 | 42,557                 | 14,155   | 140    |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 7,911                   | 3,951                   | 608.0                 | 43,071                 | 14,498   | 124    |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 8,020                   | 3,875                   | 606.1                 | 42,895                 | 14,765   | -659   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| 1954-55—                |                         |                         |                       |                        | (c)      | (c)    |
| May .. ..               | 8,141                   | 4,011                   | 633.9                 | 46,449                 | 14,762   | -860   |
| June .. ..              | 8,083                   | 3,827                   | 597.2                 | 42,791                 | 14,134   | -2,073 |
| 1955-56—                |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| July .. ..              | 8,126                   | 4,091                   | 630.9                 | 43,104                 | 14,194   | 112    |
| August .. ..            | 8,342                   | 4,317                   | 636.2                 | 44,990                 | 15,396   | -195   |
| September .. ..         | 8,200                   | 4,207                   | 636.2                 | 43,198                 | 15,490   | 947    |
| October .. ..           | 8,220                   | 4,094                   | 628.7                 | 45,489                 | 15,236   | 218    |
| November .. ..          | 7,984                   | 4,215                   | 636.5                 | 40,916                 | 15,512   | -49    |
| December .. ..          | 8,002                   | 3,734                   | 574.4                 | 39,862                 | 14,254   | -1,203 |
| January .. ..           | 7,765                   | 3,186                   | 522.6                 | 42,273                 | 13,552   | -668   |
| February .. ..          | 7,284                   | 3,468                   | 560.8                 | 42,929                 | 13,521   | -941   |
| March .. ..             | 8,047                   | 3,622                   | 603.4                 | 42,160                 | 14,790   | -478   |
| April .. ..             | 7,732                   | 3,685                   | 576.2                 | 44,257                 | 14,151   | -759   |
| May .. ..               | 8,453                   | 4,067                   | 649.4                 | 43,329                 | 15,547   | -2,527 |
| June .. ..              | 8,080                   | 3,810                   | 618.3                 | 42,232                 | 15,541   | -2,361 |
| 1956-57 p—              |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| July .. ..              | 8,147                   | 4,184                   | 634.1                 | 44,061                 | 15,227   | -328   |
| August .. ..            | 8,531                   | 4,369                   | 658.8                 | 39,928                 | 16,806   | 577    |
| September .. ..         | 8,061                   | 4,061                   | 633.4                 | 41,695                 | 16,094   | 1,283  |
| October .. ..           | 8,537                   | 4,476                   | 670.5                 | 44,995                 | 17,497   | 967    |
| November .. ..          | 8,131                   | 4,219                   | 641.2                 | 40,735                 | 16,712   | -244   |
| December .. ..          | 7,732                   | 3,419                   | 560.6                 | 40,711                 | 14,552   | -1,224 |
| January .. ..           | 7,902                   | 3,534                   | 586.5                 | 39,933                 | 15,027   | -58    |
| February .. ..          | 7,264                   | 3,750                   | 591.6                 | 41,026                 | 14,585   | -454   |
| March .. ..             | 7,886                   | 3,789                   | 624.0                 | 41,497                 | 15,347   | -84    |
| April .. ..             | 7,503                   | 3,676                   | 594.7                 | 42,343                 | 15,220   | -27    |
| May .. ..               | 8,153                   | 4,057                   | 667.2                 | 41,604                 | 16,569   | -385   |

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.  
(c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.



# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

| Period.                 | Oversea Cargo.                 |                                 | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales.               | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 378                            | 415                             | 270                            | 46        | 34          | 200              | 7                  | 34        | 592            |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 452                            | 487                             | 257                            | 41        | 32          | 152              | 5                  | 32        | 519            |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 422                            | 641                             | 233                            | 37        | 30          | 198              | 5                  | 32        | 535            |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 450                            | 757                             | 232                            | 37        | 36          | 222              | 5                  | 28        | 560            |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 374                            | 810                             | 280                            | 37        | 45          | 238              | 11                 | 29        | 641            |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 504                            | 644                             | 285                            | 34        | 53          | 247              | 52                 | 33        | 704            |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 479                            | 711                             | 307                            | 39        | 36          | 287              | 54                 | 35        | 758            |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 507                            | 916                             | 302                            | 74        | 43          | 318              | 73                 | 41        | 851            |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 555                            | 1,036                           | 293                            | 99        | 47          | 350              | 137                | 43        | 969            |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 728                            | 1,050                           | 309                            | 97        | 60          | r378             | r116               | r32       | r992           |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| <b>1955-56—</b>         |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| August ..               | 496                            | 1,056                           | 329                            | 119       | 65          | 340              | 142                | 43        | 1,039          |
| September ..            | 454                            | 981                             | 311                            | 99        | 70          | 360              | 179                | 48        | 1,068          |
| October ..              | 460                            | 971                             | 305                            | 97        | 62          | 340              | 117                | 34        | 956            |
| November ..             | 513                            | 1,085                           | 284                            | 124       | 48          | 329              | 143                | 42        | 971            |
| December ..             | 560                            | 1,117                           | 250                            | 110       | 61          | 290              | 164                | 26        | 901            |
| January(c) ..           | 464                            | 942                             | 192                            | 89        | 29          | 371              | 174                | 35        | 890            |
| February(c) ..          | 369                            | 898                             | 177                            | 90        | 21          | 295              | 105                | 19        | 708            |
| March ..                | 722                            | 1,133                           | 286                            | 69        | 43          | 374              | 113                | 55        | 940            |
| April ..                | 683                            | 1,007                           | 301                            | 103       | 14          | 356              | 109                | 50        | 933            |
| May ..                  | 821                            | 1,300                           | 366                            | 95        | 27          | 392              | 133                | 57        | 1,071          |
| June ..                 | 663                            | 1,082                           | 319                            | 91        | 37          | 387              | 148                | 55        | 1,037          |
| <b>1956-57—</b>         |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 686                            | 968                             | 314                            | 62        | 60          | 342              | 99                 | 34        | 911            |
| August ..               | 715                            | r1,081                          | 376                            | 91        | 50          | 369              | 120                | 42        | 1,049          |
| September ..            | 786                            | 965                             | 326                            | 72        | 55          | 410              | 137                | 40        | 1,040          |
| October ..              | 769                            | 1,127                           | r313                           | r113      | 68          | 408              | r106               | r29       | r1,038         |
| November ..             | 794                            | 1,110                           | 331                            | 107       | 86          | 431              | 116                | 37        | 1,110          |
| December ..             | r712                           | 963                             | r266                           | 132       | 79          | 375              | 107                | 30        | r989           |
| January ..              | 796                            | 1,119                           | 257                            | 82        | 65          | r418             | r124               | 30        | r976           |
| February ..             | 751                            | r953                            | 246                            | 135       | 60          | 357              | r122               | 25        | r945           |
| March ..                | r861                           | 1,005                           | 282                            | 92        | 56          | 428              | 129                | 25        | 1,012          |
| April ..                | 597                            | 1,049                           | 260                            | r84       | 47          | 359              | 120                | 28        | r899           |
| May ..                  | r666                           | 1,302                           | 417                            | 143       | 37          | 353              | r109               | 32        | r1,091         |
| June ..                 | 601                            | 954                             | 319                            | 51        | 52          | 283              | 98                 | 36        | 839            |
| <b>1957-58—</b>         |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 665                            | 1,256                           | 317                            | 135       | 61          | 347              | 96                 | 40        | 996            |
| August ..               | 732                            | 1,126                           | 337                            | 75        | 78          | 349              | 117                | 35        | 991            |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46. dispute.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Affected by industrial

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.  
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

| Period.                 | Oversea Cargo.                 |                                 | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales.               | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1947-48..               | 104                            | 160                             | 29                             | 18        | 12          | 16               | 6                  | 24        | 105            |
| 1948-49..               | 114                            | 214                             | 29                             | 20        | 10          | 15               | 6                  | 18        | 98             |
| 1949-50..               | 116                            | 298                             | 25                             | 21        | 11          | 17               | 7                  | 20        | 101            |
| 1950-51..               | 108                            | 333                             | 27                             | 20        | 10          | 20               | 6                  | 27        | 110            |
| 1951-52..               | 103                            | 391                             | 32                             | 25        | 9           | 17               | 6                  | 21        | 110            |
| 1952-53..               | 121                            | 161                             | 31                             | 22        | 8           | 17               | 9                  | 19        | 106            |
| 1953-54..               | 113                            | 234                             | 36                             | 35        | 10          | 19               | 8                  | 20        | 128            |
| 1954-55..               | 118                            | 284                             | 34                             | 35        | 10          | 16               | 8                  | 20        | 123            |
| 1955-56..               | 129                            | 285                             | 24                             | 31        | 9           | 12               | 8                  | 27        | 111            |
| 1956-57..               | 114                            | 229                             | 20                             | 32        | 7           | 8                | 7                  | r33       | r107           |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1955-56—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| August ..               | 130                            | 324                             | 24                             | 32        | 13          | 16               | 9                  | 32        | 126            |
| September ..            | 123                            | 289                             | 34                             | 36        | 17          | 16               | 12                 | 37        | 152            |
| October ..              | 133                            | 325                             | 24                             | 38        | 11          | 14               | 6                  | 23        | 116            |
| November ..             | 112                            | 322                             | 27                             | 39        | 18          | 16               | 12                 | 30        | 142            |
| December ..             | 112                            | 316                             | 22                             | 32        | 3           | 14               | 8                  | 18        | 97             |
| January(c) ..           | 65                             | 213                             | 15                             | 20        | 4           | 5                | 3                  | 17        | 64             |
| February(c) ..          | 43                             | 269                             | 12                             | 9         | 4           | 4                | 7                  | 30        | 66             |
| March ..                | 157                            | 289                             | 26                             | 27        | 5           | 17               | 11                 | 16        | 102            |
| April ..                | 185                            | 268                             | 24                             | 27        | 9           | 8                | 6                  | 26        | 100            |
| May ..                  | 197                            | 256                             | 28                             | 28        | 9           | 6                | 13                 | 36        | 120            |
| June ..                 | 162                            | 235                             | 19                             | 33        | 8           | 9                | 8                  | 22        | 99             |
| 1956-57—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | r79                            | r276                            | 14                             | 20        | 9           | 8                | 11                 | 25        | 87             |
| August ..               | 125                            | 329                             | r28                            | 28        | 8           | 6                | r6                 | 28        | 104            |
| September ..            | 101                            | 214                             | 19                             | 34        | 8           | 10               | 5                  | 42        | 118            |
| October ..              | 107                            | 220                             | r26                            | r38       | 8           | 7                | r13                | r36       | r129           |
| November ..             | 110                            | 243                             | 22                             | 39        | 8           | 8                | 7                  | 28        | 112            |
| December ..             | r99                            | 204                             | 17                             | 24        | 5           | 8                | 4                  | 24        | 82             |
| January ..              | 82                             | 249                             | 13                             | 29        | 5           | 3                | 9                  | r31       | 91             |
| February ..             | r83                            | 156                             | 17                             | r29       | 10          | 8                | 6                  | 37        | r106           |
| March ..                | r145                           | 221                             | 27                             | 40        | r7          | 8                | 9                  | 33        | 124            |
| April ..                | 173                            | 238                             | 19                             | 36        | 8           | 7                | 5                  | 39        | 114            |
| May ..                  | r172                           | 219                             | 20                             | 39        | 6           | 12               | 7                  | 37        | 121            |
| June ..                 | 103                            | 183                             | 17                             | r32       | 5           | 10               | 6                  | 32        | r102           |
| 1957-58 p—              |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 124                            | 264                             | 18                             | 31        | 4           | 8                | 6                  | 37        | 104            |
| August ..               | 111                            | 238                             | 21                             | 23        | 7           | 8                | 4                  | 26        | 89             |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45.  
dispute.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Affected by industrial

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period.          | Receipts of P.M.G.'s<br>Department<br>at end of period.(a) | Broadcast Listeners'<br>Licences in force at<br>end of period. | Television Viewers'<br>Licences in force<br>at end of period.(b) | Telephone Services connected at end<br>of period. |              |
|------------------|--|--|--|---|--------------|
|                  |  |  |  | Lines.  | Instruments. |
|                  | £'000.   | '000.  | '000.  | '000.   | '000.        |
| Monthly Average. |  |  |  |   |              |
| 1947-48 .. ..    | 2,616  | 1,833  | ..   | 688   | 963          |
| 1948-49 .. ..    | 2,776  | 1,919  | ..   | 734   | 1,028        |
| 1949-50 .. ..    | 3,196  | 2,030  | ..   | 793   | 1,110        |
| 1950-51 .. ..    | 3,732  | (c)2,110   | ..   | 864   | 1,209        |
| 1951-52 .. ..    | 4,948  | 1,961  | ..   | 927   | 1,301        |
| 1952-53 .. ..    | 5,367  | 1,986  | ..   | 985   | 1,384        |
| 1953-54 .. ..    | 5,650  | 2,042  | ..   | 1,050   | 1,476        |
| 1954-55 .. ..    | 6,069  | 2,035  | ..   | 1,127   | 1,587        |
| 1955-56 .. ..    | 6,612  | 2,089  | ..   | 1,207   | 1,704        |
| 1956-57 .. ..    | 7,519  | 2,107  | 74   | 1,279   | 1,814        |
| Monthly Total.   |  |  |  |   |              |
| 1955-56—         |  |  |  |   |              |
| September .. ..  | 6,493  | 2,051  | ..   | 1,151   | 1,622        |
| October .. ..    | 6,766  | 2,051  | ..   | 1,159   | 1,634        |
| November .. ..   | 6,437  | 2,050  | ..   | 1,166   | 1,643        |
| December .. ..   | 7,141  | 2,055  | ..   | 1,173   | 1,653        |
| January .. ..    | 6,097  | 2,065  | ..   | 1,179   | 1,662        |
| February .. ..   | 6,285  | 2,069  | ..   | 1,185   | 1,671        |
| March .. ..      | 6,802  | 2,068  | ..   | 1,190   | 1,679        |
| April .. ..      | 6,117  | 2,075  | ..   | 1,195   | 1,685        |
| May .. ..        | 7,352  | 2,081  | ..   | 1,201   | 1,695        |
| June .. ..       | 7,422  | 2,089  | ..   | 1,207   | 1,704        |
| 1956-57—         |  |  |  |   |              |
| July .. ..       | 6,743  | 2,095  | ..   | 1,213   | 1,714        |
| August .. ..     | 6,716  | 2,101  | ..   | 1,220   | 1,724        |
| September .. ..  | 6,455  | 2,099  | ..   | 1,226   | 1,734        |
| October .. ..    | 8,110  | 2,108  | ..   | 1,233   | 1,743        |
| November .. ..   | 7,225  | 2,101  | ..   | 1,239   | 1,753        |
| December .. ..   | 7,611  | 2,092  | ..   | 1,245   | 1,762        |
| January .. ..    | 7,073  | 2,101  | 22   | 1,250   | 1,771        |
| February .. ..   | 7,312  | 2,102  | 28   | 1,255   | 1,777        |
| March .. ..      | 8,020  | 2,111  | 34   | 1,260   | 1,786        |
| April .. ..      | 7,539  | 2,108  | 42   | 1,266   | 1,795        |
| May .. ..        | 8,457  | 2,111  | 57   | 1,272   | 1,804        |
| June .. ..       | 8,962  | 2,107  | 74   | 1,279   | 1,814        |
| 1957-58—         |  |  |  |   |              |
| July .. ..       | 7,423  | 2,113  | 90   | 1,284   | 1,823        |
| August .. ..     | 7,532  | 2,117  | 106  | 1,290   | 1,833        |
| September .. ..  | 7,503  | 2,123  | 120  | 1,296   | 1,843        |

(a) Actual collections. (b) Licences, taken out in advance, did not come into force until 1st January, 1957. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

(£A million.)

| Period.                               | Notes on Issue.   |                    |        | Special<br>Accounts<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Deposits<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Liabilities<br>(excluding<br>Capital and<br>Reserves). | Gold and<br>Balances<br>held<br>Abroad. | Government<br>and other<br>Securities<br>(including<br>Treasury<br>Bills). |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|--|
|                                       | Held by<br>Banks. | Held by<br>Public. | Total. |  |  |   |   |  |
| <b>Average of Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| 1950-51.. ..                          | 32.7              | 219.1              | 251.8  | 503.2  | 34.7   | 238.2   | 596.3                                   | 366.6  |
| 1951-52.. ..                          | 38.1              | 255.5              | 293.6  | 468.8  | 31.1   | 270.9   | 470.6                                   | 503.1  |
| 1952-53.. ..                          | 36.9              | 281.3              | 318.2  | 212.9  | 45.4   | 287.4   | 363.6                                   | 434.8  |
| 1953-54.. ..                          | 38.5              | 299.7              | 338.2  | (a) 306.8                                      | 41.7   | 283.4   | 512.6                                   | 408.0  |
| 1954-55.. ..                          | 40.9              | 316.1              | 357.0  | 306.3  | 36.8   | 243.5   | 415.9                                   | 459.8  |
| 1955-56.. ..                          | 43.0              | 331.1              | 374.1  | 272.8  | 35.6   | 208.7   | 298.9                                   | 515.7  |
| 1956-57.. ..                          | 44.9              | 338.3              | 383.2  | 289.4  | 31.4   | 205.9   | 349.7                                   | 508.8  |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                       |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| September ..                          | 40.2              | 328.1              | 368.3  | 265.4  | 36.1   | 205.9   | 321.6                                   | 502.0  |
| October ..                            | 40.7              | 329.6              | 370.3  | 265.4  | 34.4   | 210.5   | 303.3                                   | 525.4  |
| November ..                           | 41.4              | 331.4              | 372.8  | 265.4  | 34.8   | 208.7   | 301.0                                   | 535.3  |
| December(b) ..                        | 48.3              | 343.5              | 391.8  | 265.4  | 36.5   | 205.2   | 297.6                                   | 552.8  |
| January ..                            | 47.4              | 333.5              | 380.9  | 265.4  | 40.6   | 207.3   | 298.1                                   | 534.0  |
| February ..                           | 42.8              | 330.6              | 373.4  | 281.9  | 33.5   | 211.4   | 293.2                                   | 511.0  |
| March ..                              | 41.5              | 335.9              | 377.4  | 300.4  | 36.0   | 211.0   | 274.0                                   | 540.6  |
| April ..                              | 45.9              | 336.2              | 382.1  | 292.9  | 27.8   | 200.8   | 258.4                                   | 530.5  |
| May ..                                | 45.1              | 329.7              | 374.8  | 272.4  | 34.4   | 204.3   | 263.4                                   | 509.6  |
| June ..                               | 43.9              | 330.4              | 374.3  | 260.4  | 37.2   | 204.1   | 270.2                                   | 503.9  |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                       |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| July ..                               | 43.1              | 330.7              | 373.8  | 255.4  | 33.5   | 202.2   | 282.4                                   | 497.2  |
| August ..                             | 42.8              | 333.8              | 376.6  | 255.4  | 38.4   | 201.7   | 292.0                                   | 513.8  |
| September ..                          | 42.7              | 337.1              | 379.8  | 255.4  | 40.7   | 203.9   | 286.7                                   | 538.2  |
| October ..                            | 43.7              | 337.4              | 381.1  | 258.4  | 31.8   | 206.2   | 285.9                                   | 546.5  |
| November ..                           | 43.5              | 340.6              | 384.1  | 270.3  | 34.2   | 207.6   | 302.0                                   | 559.2  |
| December(b) ..                        | 50.9              | 348.9              | 399.8  | 270.3  | 27.6   | 205.4   | 317.9                                   | 555.5  |
| January ..                            | 51.0              | 341.4              | 392.4  | 272.1  | 34.9   | 203.3   | 339.5                                   | 525.8  |
| February ..                           | 43.5              | 336.1              | 379.6  | 297.6  | 35.5   | 206.2   | 364.7                                   | 498.4  |
| March ..                              | 43.3              | 337.5              | 380.8  | 320.7  | 30.1   | 204.8   | 386.8                                   | 488.2  |
| April ..                              | 44.1              | 344.6              | 388.7  | 340.3  | 19.8   | 208.3   | 428.0                                   | 470.6  |
| May ..                                | 46.3              | 337.8              | 384.1  | 340.3  | 20.6   | 212.3   | 450.7                                   | 461.5  |
| June ..                               | 43.9              | 337.7              | 381.6  | 340.3  | 28.0   | 208.9   | 459.1                                   | 459.8  |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                       |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| July ..                               | 43.3              | 338.7              | 382.0  | 340.3  | 27.9   | 208.9   | 471.1                                   | 450.0  |
| August ..                             | 43.0              | 342.4              | 385.4  | 340.3  | 30.4   | 209.4   | 473.1                                   | 468.5  |
| September ..                          | 42.9              | 343.8              | 386.7  | 340.3  | 29.4   | 206.8   | 472.5                                   | 480.9  |

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),  
and  
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA  
(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)  
(£ million.)**

| Period.                           | Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a) |                             |        |   |  |        |   |                | Commonwealth Bank—Advances.          |                                      |                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---|--|--------|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
|                                   | Deposits.                     |                             |        | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank. | Commonwealth<br>and State<br>Government<br>Securities. |        | Special<br>Account<br>with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank.<br>(b) | Ad-<br>vances. | Rural<br>Credits<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Mortgage<br>Bank<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Industrial Finance<br>Department. |        |
|                                   | Bearing<br>Interest.          | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total. |   | Treasury<br>Bills                                      | Other. |   |                |                                      |                                      | Hire<br>Purchase.                 | Other. |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                               |                             |        |   |  |        |   |                |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| 1950-51 ..                        | 19.4                          | 89.2                        | 108.6  | 7.2   | 24.0   | 26.9   | ..  | 62.5           | 13.7                                 | 3.8                                  | 14.7                              | 7.6    |
| 1951-52 ..                        | 20.1                          | 90.6                        | 110.7  | 6.6   | 26.4   | 13.3   | ..  | 76.4           | 19.7                                 | 4.1                                  | 15.5                              | 8.7    |
| 1952-53 ..                        | 22.8                          | 96.7                        | 119.5  | 8.8   | b 17.2   | c 25.8 | 21.7  | c 59.5         | 44.9                                 | 4.3                                  | 14.8                              | 8.1    |
| 1953-54 ..                        | 35.3                          | 120.9                       | 156.2  | 11.0  | 23.4   | 29.9   | 34.8  | 69.2           | 43.2                                 | 4.5                                  | 16.6                              | 4.7    |
| 1954-55 ..                        | 43.6                          | 130.9                       | 174.5  | 10.5  | 12.3   | 38.2   | 36.1  | 89.1           | 62.3                                 | 4.8                                  | 17.0                              | 6.7    |
| 1955-56 ..                        | 46.3                          | 135.6                       | 181.9  | 10.2  | 6.3  | 38.6   | 33.2  | 103.9          | 73.8                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.6                              | 9.0    |
| 1956-57 ..                        | 44.4                          | 140.1                       | 184.5  | 10.0  | 4.1  | 35.7   | 34.6  | 106.5          | 56.6                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.5                              | 9.4    |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                   |                               |                             |        |   |  |        |   |                |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| September ..                      | 48.9                          | 131.9                       | 180.8  | 10.4  | 4.1  | 40.0   | 32.7  | 106.0          | 50.4                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.9                              | 8.8    |
| October ..                        | 48.6                          | 136.5                       | 185.1  | 10.8  | 8.5  | 40.0   | 32.7  | 105.0          | 52.0                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.0                              | 8.9    |
| November ..                       | 48.4                          | 139.6                       | 188.0  | 10.1  | 10.5   | 40.0   | 32.7  | 105.0          | 46.7                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.2                              | 9.1    |
| December(d) ..                    | 47.0                          | 140.4                       | 187.4  | 10.9  | 8.0  | 40.0   | 32.7  | 104.8          | 50.4                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.3                              | 9.4    |
| January ..                        | 47.5                          | 132.5                       | 180.0  | 10.6  | 2.8  | 40.1   | 32.7  | 105.9          | 66.2                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.0                              | 9.1    |
| February ..                       | 46.7                          | 132.9                       | 179.6  | 9.8   | 4.2  | 40.1   | 33.6  | 104.8          | 98.8                                 | 5.0                                  | 16.5                              | 9.1    |
| March ..                          | 45.5                          | 135.9                       | 181.4  | 10.1  | 6.0  | 36.8   | 35.7  | 102.7          | 113.5                                | 5.1                                  | 16.0                              | 9.1    |
| April ..                          | 40.9                          | 141.9                       | 182.8  | 10.7  | 7.6  | 35.7   | 34.8  | 101.3          | 109.5                                | 5.1                                  | 15.8                              | 9.2    |
| May ..                            | 42.0                          | 138.2                       | 180.2  | 9.8   | 8.2  | 35.7   | 32.9  | 101.0          | 98.1                                 | 5.1                                  | 15.8                              | 9.3    |
| June ..                           | 42.7                          | 136.4                       | 179.1  | 10.2  | 5.0  | 35.7   | 31.9  | 101.9          | 86.6                                 | 5.0                                  | 15.7                              | 9.4    |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                   |                               |                             |        |   |  |        |   |                |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| July ..                           | 42.7                          | 132.7                       | 175.4  | 8.9   | 2.0  | 35.7   | 31.2  | 105.3          | 76.9                                 | 5.1                                  | 15.7                              | 9.2    |
| August ..                         | 43.3                          | 135.8                       | 179.1  | 9.3   | 4.0  | 36.3   | 31.2  | 106.0          | 64.8                                 | 5.1                                  | 15.8                              | 9.3    |
| September ..                      | 43.1                          | 135.8                       | 178.9  | 9.6   | 4.0  | 37.2   | 31.2  | 106.2          | 56.6                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.3                              | 9.3    |
| October ..                        | 43.1                          | 138.8                       | 181.9  | 9.9   | 2.8  | 36.5   | 31.7  | 108.2          | 51.4                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.7                              | 9.4    |
| November ..                       | 43.7                          | 142.9                       | 186.6  | 10.3  | 4.3  | 35.9   | 33.7  | 107.9          | 44.8                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.2                              | 9.5    |
| December(d) ..                    | 45.0                          | 144.1                       | 189.1  | 8.9   | 4.8  | 35.9   | 33.7  | 107.4          | 38.2                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.3                              | 9.6    |
| January ..                        | 44.4                          | 137.8                       | 182.2  | 10.9  | 3.7  | 32.1   | 33.7  | 110.8          | 44.1                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.1                              | 9.2    |
| February ..                       | 45.0                          | 139.7                       | 184.7  | 9.8   | 5.4  | 33.5   | 34.9  | 108.4          | 64.1                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.8                              | 9.2    |
| March ..                          | 44.6                          | 142.7                       | 187.3  | 10.5  | 4.0  | 36.1   | 37.3  | 105.2          | 72.9                                 | 5.2                                  | 16.5                              | 9.4    |
| April ..                          | 45.2                          | 144.7                       | 189.9  | 10.7  | 3.5  | 36.9   | 39.2  | 103.7          | 66.8                                 | 5.2                                  | 16.5                              | 9.4    |
| May ..                            | 45.8                          | 142.7                       | 188.5  | 9.7   | 3.9  | 36.2   | 39.2  | 105.2          | 54.8                                 | 5.3                                  | 16.1                              | 9.5    |
| June ..                           | 47.7                          | 146.2                       | 193.9  | 11.1  | 7.0  | 36.6   | 39.2  | 102.5          | 42.5                                 | 5.2                                  | 15.9                              | 9.6    |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                   |                               |                             |        |   |  |        |   |                |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| July ..                           | 49.5                          | 143.3                       | 192.8  | 10.7  | 6.0  | 39.0   | 39.2  | 107.3          | 41.2                                 | 5.3                                  | 15.8                              | 9.6    |
| August ..                         | 50.6                          | 144.1                       | 194.7  | 10.6  | 5.6  | 43.0   | 39.2  | 105.5          | 30.5                                 | 5.4                                  | 15.8                              | 9.7    |
| September ..                      | 50.4                          | 145.4                       | 195.8  | 11.4  | 3.7  | 47.0   | 39.2  | 104.6          | 22.2                                 | 5.4                                  | 15.9                              | 9.9    |

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills.

(c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000.

(d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

**PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)**  
**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
 (£ million.)

| Period.                       | Deposits.            |                             |         | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Government<br>Securities. |          | Special<br>Accounts<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Advances. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|---|----------|--|-----------|
|                               | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |  | Treasury<br>Bills.                                  | Other.   |  |           |
| Average of Weekly<br>Figures— |                      |                             |         |  |   |          |  |           |
| 1936-37.. ..                  | 184.7                | 112.9                       | 297.6   | 34.2   | 24.5  | (b) 15.0 | ..   | 262.5     |
| 1937-38.. ..                  | 194.8                | 120.0                       | 314.8   | 37.1   | 20.7  | (b) 21.4 | ..   | 274.4     |
| 1938-39.. ..                  | 198.8                | 118.9                       | 317.7   | 33.6   | 21.5  | (b) 20.5 | ..   | 288.1     |
| 1950-51.. ..                  | 247.7                | (c)896.5                    | 1,144.2 | 59.3   | 36.9  | 89.2     | 500.3  | (c) 479.3 |
| 1951-52.. ..                  | 238.2                | 963.5                       | 1,201.7 | 60.6   | 32.4  | 67.0     | 466.0  | 621.4     |
| 1952-53.. ..                  | 218.7                | 943.7                       | 1,162.4 | 74.7   | 123.1   | 84.0     | 211.7  | 638.1     |
| 1953-54.. ..                  | 239.8                | 1,035.7                     | 1,275.5 | 71.2   | 99.4  | 127.6    | 285.2  | 658.5     |
| 1954-55(d)                    | 263.0                | 1,047.7                     | 1,310.7 | 66.9   | 51.6  | 120.2    | 269.1  | 776.8     |
| 1955-56.. ..                  | 263.1                | 1,032.3                     | 1,295.4 | 66.9   | 50.0  | 113.1    | 238.8  | 804.4     |
| 1956-57.. ..                  | 299.5                | 1,028.5                     | 1,328.0 | 63.7   | 51.2  | 151.3    | 254.1  | 762.6     |
| 1955-56—                      |                      |                             |         |  |   |          |  |           |
| September ..                  | 260.9                | 996.8                       | 1,257.7 | 65.4   | 23.6  | 105.2    | 231.9  | 823.1     |
| October ..                    | 264.0                | 1,013.1                     | 1,277.1 | 64.1   | 27.5  | 105.9    | 231.9  | 831.4     |
| November ..                   | 261.8                | 1,034.0                     | 1,295.8 | 65.1   | 31.9  | 109.4    | 231.9  | 823.3     |
| December(e)                   | 259.3                | 1,062.2                     | 1,321.5 | 71.4   | 45.0  | 109.4    | 231.9  | 814.5     |
| January ..                    | 261.3                | 1,070.5                     | 1,331.8 | 76.4   | 92.8  | 112.4    | 231.9  | 784.2     |
| February ..                   | 259.7                | 1,072.2                     | 1,331.9 | 66.9   | 111.6   | 116.4    | 247.4  | 773.7     |
| March ..                      | 259.4                | 1,075.0                     | 1,334.4 | 65.7   | 91.6  | 118.3    | 263.9  | 776.2     |
| April ..                      | 262.8                | 1,058.7                     | 1,321.5 | 60.5   | 62.1  | 118.3    | 257.3  | 786.8     |
| May ..                        | 265.9                | 1,011.9                     | 1,277.8 | 66.8   | 41.5  | 118.3    | 238.7  | 798.4     |
| June ..                       | 269.2                | 991.2                       | 1,260.4 | 65.7   | 28.9  | 120.2    | 227.7  | 793.9     |
| 1956-57—                      |                      |                             |         |  |   |          |  |           |
| July ..                       | 275.5                | 967.9                       | 1,243.4 | 64.9   | 29.6  | 114.8    | 223.4  | 797.7     |
| August ..                     | 278.6                | 955.8                       | 1,234.4 | 68.5   | 28.9  | 115.6    | 223.4  | 787.0     |
| September ..                  | 284.1                | 964.4                       | 1,248.5 | 71.4   | 37.4  | 119.2    | 223.4  | 778.5     |
| October ..                    | 287.6                | 993.9                       | 1,281.5 | 64.3   | 51.9  | 123.9    | 225.9  | 780.2     |
| November ..                   | 293.4                | 1,018.0                     | 1,311.4 | 64.6   | 54.1  | 135.6    | 235.9  | 771.2     |
| December (e)                  | 299.2                | 1,041.4                     | 1,340.6 | 65.9   | 62.5  | 150.3    | 235.9  | 762.2     |
| January ..                    | 305.6                | 1,056.9                     | 1,362.5 | 73.1   | 83.3  | 166.7    | 237.7  | 744.9     |
| February ..                   | 310.1                | 1,080.8                     | 1,390.9 | 66.2   | 88.6  | 182.1    | 261.8  | 732.5     |
| March ..                      | 312.9                | 1,103.4                     | 1,416.3 | 60.2   | 92.4  | 188.4    | 282.7  | 725.5     |
| April ..                      | 311.9                | 1,083.1                     | 1,395.0 | 51.7   | 47.7  | 184.0    | 300.4  | 743.5     |
| May ..                        | 316.3                | 1,052.4                     | 1,368.7 | 55.8   | 27.7  | 173.5    | 300.4  | 757.3     |
| June ..                       | 321.2                | 1,040.9                     | 1,362.1 | 56.1   | 15.9  | 167.6    | 300.4  | 766.2     |
| 1957-58—                      |                      |                             |         |  |   |          |  |           |
| July ..                       | 328.9                | 1,020.7                     | 1,349.6 | 59.1   | 18.8  | 158.9    | 300.4  | 770.5     |
| August ..                     | 330.6                | 1,001.3                     | 1,331.9 | 60.3   | 17.0  | 158.3    | 300.4  | 762.0     |
| September ..                  | 334.2                | 1,008.0                     | 1,342.2 | 57.9   | 21.1  | 159.8    | 300.4  | 756.1     |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.



# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.                           | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. |                        |   |  |           | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|--|-----------|--|
|                                   | Cash in Australia.   | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. | Advances. |  |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |  |                        |   |  |           |  |
| 1936-37 .. ..                     | 11.5   | 19.7                   | (b) 24.8  | ..                                       | 88.2      | 37.9   |
| 1937-38 .. ..                     | 11.8   | 18.4                   | (b) 25.2  | ..                                       | 87.1      | 38.1   |
| 1938-39 .. ..                     | 10.6   | 17.4                   | (b) 23.8  | ..                                       | 90.7      | 37.4   |
| 1950-51 .. ..                     | 5.2  | 8.4                    | 16.2  | 43.7                                     | (c) 41.9  | 78.3   |
| 1951-52 .. ..                     | 5.0  | 7.7                    | 13.3  | 38.8                                     | 51.7      | 80.2   |
| 1952-53 .. ..                     | 6.4  | 17.0                   | 24.3  | 18.2                                     | 54.9      | 81.2   |
| 1953-54 .. ..                     | 5.6  | 13.4                   | 23.4  | 22.4                                     | 51.6      | 81.2   |
| 1954-55(d) .. ..                  | 5.1  | 9.0                    | 18.2  | 20.5                                     | 59.3      | 79.9   |
| 1955-56 .. ..                     | 5.2  | 9.0                    | 17.7  | 18.4                                     | 62.1      | 79.7   |
| 1956-57 .. ..                     | 4.8  | 8.6                    | 20.0  | 19.1                                     | 57.4      | 77.5   |
| 1955-56—                          |  |                        |   |  |           |  |
| September .. ..                   | 5.2  | 7.1                    | 15.5  | 18.4                                     | 65.5      | 79.3   |
| October .. ..                     | 5.0  | 7.2                    | 15.5  | 18.2                                     | 65.1      | 79.3   |
| November .. ..                    | 5.0  | 7.5                    | 15.9  | 17.9                                     | 63.5      | 79.8   |
| December(e) .. ..                 | 5.4  | 8.8                    | 17.1  | 17.5                                     | 61.6      | 80.4   |
| January .. ..                     | 5.7  | 12.7                   | 21.1  | 17.4                                     | 58.9      | 80.4   |
| February .. ..                    | 5.0  | 13.4                   | 22.1  | 18.6                                     | 58.1      | 80.5   |
| March .. ..                       | 4.9  | 11.8                   | 20.7  | 19.8                                     | 58.2      | 80.6   |
| April .. ..                       | 4.6  | 9.3                    | 18.2  | 19.5                                     | 59.5      | 80.1   |
| May .. ..                         | 5.2  | 8.5                    | 17.8  | 18.7                                     | 62.5      | 79.2   |
| June .. ..                        | 5.2  | 7.5                    | 17.0  | 18.1                                     | 63.0      | 78.6   |
| 1956-57—                          |  |                        |   |  |           |  |
| July .. ..                        | 5.2  | 7.6                    | 16.8  | 18.0                                     | 64.2      | 77.8   |
| August .. ..                      | 5.5  | 7.9                    | 17.3  | 18.1                                     | 63.7      | 77.4   |
| September .. ..                   | 5.7  | 8.7                    | 18.2  | 17.9                                     | 62.4      | 77.2   |
| October .. ..                     | 5.0  | 9.1                    | 18.8  | 17.6                                     | 60.9      | 77.5   |
| November .. ..                    | 4.9  | 9.0                    | 19.3  | 18.0                                     | 58.8      | 77.6   |
| December(e) .. ..                 | 4.9  | 9.6                    | 20.8  | 17.6                                     | 56.9      | 77.7   |
| January .. ..                     | 5.4  | 11.5                   | 23.7  | 17.4                                     | 54.7      | 77.6   |
| February .. ..                    | 4.8  | 11.1                   | 24.2  | 18.8                                     | 52.7      | 77.7   |
| March .. ..                       | 4.3  | 10.8                   | 24.1  | 20.0                                     | 51.2      | 77.9   |
| April .. ..                       | 3.7  | 7.1                    | 20.3  | 21.5                                     | 53.3      | 77.6   |
| May .. ..                         | 4.1  | 6.1                    | 18.8  | 21.9                                     | 55.3      | 76.9   |
| June .. ..                        | 4.1  | 5.3                    | 17.6  | 22.1                                     | 56.3      | 76.4   |
| 1957-58—                          |  |                        |   |  |           |  |
| July .. ..                        | 4.4  | 5.8                    | 17.6  | 22.3                                     | 57.1      | 75.6   |
| August .. ..                      | 4.5  | 5.8                    | 17.7  | 22.5                                     | 57.2      | 75.2   |
| September .. ..                   | 4.3  | 5.9                    | 17.8  | 22.4                                     | 56.3      | 75.1   |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., ———, see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

| Period.                               | Deposits.            |                             |         | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Government<br>Securities. |        | Special<br>Account<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Advances. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|---|--------|---|-----------|
|                                       | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |  | Treasury<br>Bills.                                  | Other. |   |           |
| <b>Average of Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                      |                             |         |  |   |        |   |           |
| 1950-51.. ..                          | 267.1                | 985.7                       | 1,252.8 | 66.5   | 60.9  | 116.1  | 500.3   | 541.8     |
| 1951-52.. ..                          | 258.3                | 1,054.1                     | 1,312.4 | 67.2   | 58.8  | 80.3   | 466.0   | 697.8     |
| 1952-53.. ..                          | 241.5                | 1,040.4                     | 1,281.9 | 83.5   | 140.3   | 109.9  | 233.5   | 697.6     |
| 1953-54.. ..                          | 275.1                | 1,156.6                     | 1,431.7 | 82.2   | 122.8   | 157.5  | 320.0   | 727.7     |
| 1954-55 (c) ..                        | 306.5                | 1,178.6                     | 1,485.1 | 77.4   | 63.9  | 158.4  | 305.2   | 865.9     |
| 1955-56.. ..                          | 309.4                | 1,167.9                     | 1,477.3 | 77.1   | 56.3  | 151.7  | 272.0   | 908.3     |
| 1956-57.. ..                          | 343.9                | 1,168.7                     | 1,512.6 | 73.6   | 55.2  | 187.0  | 288.7   | 869.1     |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |        |   |           |
| September ..                          | 309.8                | 1,128.7                     | 1,438.5 | 75.7   | 27.7  | 145.3  | 264.6   | 929.2     |
| October ..                            | 312.6                | 1,149.6                     | 1,462.2 | 74.8   | 36.0  | 145.9  | 264.6   | 936.4     |
| November ..                           | 310.2                | 1,173.6                     | 1,483.8 | 75.2   | 42.4  | 149.4  | 264.6   | 928.2     |
| December (d) ..                       | 306.3                | 1,202.6                     | 1,508.9 | 82.3   | 53.0  | 149.5  | 264.6   | 919.3     |
| January ..                            | 308.8                | 1,202.9                     | 1,511.7 | 87.0   | 95.6  | 152.5  | 264.6   | 890.1     |
| February ..                           | 306.5                | 1,205.1                     | 1,511.6 | 76.7   | 115.8   | 156.5  | 281.1   | 878.5     |
| March ..                              | 304.9                | 1,210.9                     | 1,515.8 | 75.8   | 97.6  | 155.1  | 299.6   | 878.8     |
| April ..                              | 303.6                | 1,200.7                     | 1,504.3 | 71.2   | 69.7  | 154.0  | 292.1   | 888.0     |
| May ..                                | 307.9                | 1,150.1                     | 1,458.0 | 76.6   | 49.7  | 154.0  | 271.6   | 899.4     |
| June ..                               | 311.9                | 1,127.6                     | 1,439.5 | 75.9   | 33.9  | 155.9  | 259.6   | 895.8     |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |        |   |           |
| July ..                               | 318.2                | 1,100.6                     | 1,418.8 | 73.9   | 31.6  | 150.5  | 254.6   | 903.1     |
| August ..                             | 321.9                | 1,091.6                     | 1,413.5 | 77.8   | 32.9  | 151.9  | 254.6   | 893.0     |
| September ..                          | 327.2                | 1,100.2                     | 1,427.4 | 81.0   | 41.4  | 156.4  | 254.6   | 884.8     |
| October ..                            | 330.7                | 1,132.7                     | 1,463.4 | 74.1   | 54.7  | 160.4  | 257.6   | 888.4     |
| November ..                           | 337.1                | 1,160.9                     | 1,498.0 | 74.9   | 58.4  | 171.5  | 269.6   | 879.1     |
| December (d) ..                       | 344.2                | 1,185.5                     | 1,529.7 | 74.8   | 67.3  | 186.2  | 269.6   | 869.7     |
| January ..                            | 350.0                | 1,194.7                     | 1,544.7 | 84.0   | 87.0  | 198.8  | 271.3   | 855.8     |
| February ..                           | 355.1                | 1,220.5                     | 1,575.6 | 76.0   | 94.0  | 215.7  | 296.8   | 840.9     |
| March ..                              | 357.6                | 1,246.1                     | 1,603.7 | 70.7   | 96.4  | 224.5  | 319.9   | 830.7     |
| April ..                              | 357.1                | 1,227.8                     | 1,584.9 | 62.4   | 51.2  | 221.0  | 339.6   | 847.1     |
| May ..                                | 362.0                | 1,195.2                     | 1,557.2 | 65.5   | 31.6  | 209.6  | 339.6   | 862.5     |
| June ..                               | 368.8                | 1,187.2                     | 1,556.0 | 67.2   | 22.9  | 204.2  | 339.6   | 868.8     |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |        |   |           |
| July ..                               | 378.4                | 1,164.0                     | 1,542.4 | 69.8   | 24.8  | 197.9  | 339.6   | 877.8     |
| August ..                             | 381.2                | 1,145.4                     | 1,526.6 | 70.9   | 22.6  | 201.3  | 339.6   | 867.5     |
| September ..                          | 384.6                | 1,153.5                     | 1,538.1 | 69.3   | 24.8  | 206.8  | 339.6   | 860.7     |

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.  
(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.                           |    |    | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. |                        |   |   |           | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|--|------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|
|                                   |    |    | Cash in Australia.   | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. | Advances. |  |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |    |    |  |                        |   |   |           |  |
| 1950-51                           | .. | .. | 5.3  | 10.2                   | 19.4  | 39.9                                    | 43.3      | 78.7   |
| 1951-52                           | .. | .. | 5.1  | 9.6                    | 15.7  | 35.5                                    | 53.2      | 80.3   |
| 1952-53                           | .. | .. | 6.4  | 17.4                   | 26.0  | 18.2                                    | 54.4      | 81.2   |
| 1953-54                           | .. | .. | 5.7  | 14.3                   | 25.3  | 22.3                                    | 50.8      | 80.8   |
| 1954-55 (c)                       | .. | .. | 5.2  | 9.5                    | 20.2  | 20.5                                    | 58.3      | 79.4   |
| 1955-56                           | .. | .. | 5.2  | 9.0                    | 19.3  | 18.4                                    | 61.5      | 79.1   |
| 1956-57                           | .. | .. | 4.9  | 8.5                    | 20.9  | 19.1                                    | 57.5      | 77.3   |
| 1955-56—                          |    |    |  |                        |   |   |           |  |
| September                         | .. | .. | 5.3  | 7.2                    | 17.3  | 18.4                                    | 64.6      | 78.5   |
| October                           | .. | .. | 5.1  | 7.6                    | 17.6  | 18.1                                    | 64.0      | 78.6   |
| November                          | .. | .. | 5.1  | 7.9                    | 18.0  | 17.8                                    | 62.6      | 79.1   |
| December (d)                      | .. | .. | 5.5  | 9.0                    | 18.9  | 17.5                                    | 60.9      | 79.7   |
| January                           | .. | .. | 5.8  | 12.1                   | 22.2  | 17.5                                    | 58.9      | 79.6   |
| February                          | .. | .. | 5.1  | 12.7                   | 23.1  | 18.6                                    | 58.1      | 79.7   |
| March                             | .. | .. | 5.0  | 11.4                   | 21.7  | 19.8                                    | 58.0      | 79.9   |
| April                             | .. | .. | 4.7  | 9.4                    | 19.6  | 19.4                                    | 59.0      | 79.8   |
| May                               | .. | .. | 5.3  | 8.7                    | 19.2  | 18.6                                    | 61.7      | 78.9   |
| June..                            | .. | .. | 5.3  | 7.6                    | 18.5  | 18.0                                    | 62.2      | 78.3   |
| 1956-57—                          |    |    |  |                        |   |   |           |  |
| July                              | .. | .. | 5.2  | 7.4                    | 18.0  | 17.9                                    | 63.7      | 77.6   |
| August                            | .. | .. | 5.5  | 7.8                    | 18.6  | 18.0                                    | 63.2      | 77.2   |
| September                         | .. | .. | 5.7  | 8.6                    | 19.5  | 17.8                                    | 62.0      | 77.1   |
| October                           | .. | .. | 5.1  | 8.8                    | 19.8  | 17.6                                    | 60.7      | 77.4   |
| November                          | .. | .. | 5.0  | 8.9                    | 20.3  | 18.0                                    | 58.7      | 77.5   |
| December (d)..                    | .. | .. | 4.9  | 9.3                    | 21.5  | 17.6                                    | 56.9      | 77.5   |
| January                           | .. | .. | 5.4  | 11.1                   | 23.9  | 17.6                                    | 55.4      | 77.3   |
| February                          | .. | .. | 4.8  | 10.8                   | 24.5  | 18.8                                    | 53.4      | 77.5   |
| March                             | .. | .. | 4.4  | 10.4                   | 24.4  | 20.0                                    | 51.8      | 77.7   |
| April                             | .. | .. | 3.9  | 7.2                    | 21.1  | 21.4                                    | 53.5      | 77.5   |
| May                               | .. | .. | 4.2  | 6.2                    | 19.7  | 21.8                                    | 55.4      | 76.7   |
| June..                            | .. | .. | 4.3  | 5.8                    | 18.9  | 21.8                                    | 55.8      | 76.3   |
| 1957-58—                          |    |    |  |                        |   |   |           |  |
| July                              | .. | .. | 4.5  | 6.1                    | 19.0  | 22.0                                    | 56.9      | 75.5   |
| August                            | .. | .. | 4.6  | 6.1                    | 19.3  | 22.2                                    | 56.8      | 75.0   |
| September                         | .. | .. | 4.5  | 6.1                    | 19.6  | 22.1                                    | 56.0      | 75.0   |

(a) See footnote (a), page 52.  
page 52.

(b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) See footnote (c), page 52.

(d) See footnote (1),

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

| Period.                               | Deposits.            |                             |         | Coin.<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Government<br>Securities. |           | Special<br>Account<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Advances. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|---|-----------|---|-----------|
|                                       | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |  | Treasury<br>Bills.                                  | Other.    |   |           |
| <b>Average of Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                      |                             |         |  |   |           |   |           |
| 1950-51.. ..                          | 279.6                | 1,017.6                     | 1,297.2 | 71.4   | 64.0  | 127.5     | 503.6   | 598.4     |
| 1951-52.. ..                          | 271.7                | 1,091.5                     | 1,363.2 | 72.3   | 61.7  | 94.4      | 468.6   | 759.7     |
| 1952-53.. ..                          | 256.8                | 1,076.3                     | 1,333.1 | (b) 88.2   | (b) 144.2   | (c) 123.0 | 234.6   | (c) 762.3 |
| 1953-54.. ..                          | 290.4                | 1,196.0                     | 1,486.4 | 87.3   | 130.1   | 170.8     | 321.1   | 793.7     |
| 1954-55.. ..                          | 322.6                | 1,220.0                     | 1,542.6 | 82.0   | 69.5  | 171.7     | 306.3   | 938.1     |
| 1955-56.. ..                          | 325.7                | 1,207.7                     | 1,533.4 | 81.1   | 60.5  | 165.5     | 272.8   | 984.1     |
| 1956-57.. ..                          | 360.9                | 1,209.9                     | 1,570.8 | 77.5   | 59.1  | 202.1     | 289.4   | 946.8     |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |           |   |           |
| September ..                          | 326.5                | 1,164.7                     | 1,491.2 | 79.3   | 30.6  | 158.6     | 265.4   | 1,004.4   |
| October ..                            | 329.1                | 1,185.9                     | 1,515.0 | 78.7   | 39.4  | 159.3     | 265.4   | 1,012.3   |
| November ..                           | 326.6                | 1,210.4                     | 1,537.0 | 78.8   | 45.6  | 162.7     | 265.4   | 1,004.5   |
| December (d) ..                       | 322.6                | 1,240.8                     | 1,563.4 | 86.5   | 56.4  | 163.3     | 265.4   | 995.2     |
| January ..                            | 325.1                | 1,243.8                     | 1,568.9 | 91.5   | 98.9  | 166.8     | 265.4   | 966.3     |
| February ..                           | 322.9                | 1,248.9                     | 1,571.8 | 81.2   | 120.8   | 170.8     | 281.9   | 954.4     |
| March ..                              | 321.0                | 1,254.7                     | 1,575.7 | 79.9   | 104.4   | 169.4     | 300.4   | 954.6     |
| April ..                              | 319.7                | 1,244.2                     | 1,563.9 | 75.0   | 76.1  | 168.3     | 292.9   | 964.7     |
| May ..                                | 324.1                | 1,192.0                     | 1,516.1 | 80.6   | 54.5  | 168.3     | 272.4   | 976.2     |
| June ..                               | 328.4                | 1,167.7                     | 1,496.1 | 79.6   | 37.4  | 170.3     | 260.4   | 972.4     |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |           |   |           |
| July ..                               | 334.8                | 1,139.1                     | 1,473.9 | 77.2   | 34.3  | 164.8     | 255.4   | 979.7     |
| August ..                             | 338.4                | 1,129.4                     | 1,467.8 | 81.0   | 34.7  | 166.2     | 255.4   | 968.9     |
| September ..                          | 343.4                | 1,138.3                     | 1,481.7 | 84.9   | 43.4  | 170.6     | 255.4   | 959.9     |
| October ..                            | 346.7                | 1,170.9                     | 1,517.6 | 77.8   | 57.0  | 174.7     | 258.4   | 964.9     |
| November ..                           | 353.6                | 1,200.8                     | 1,554.4 | 79.0   | 61.3  | 186.4     | 270.3   | 956.1     |
| December (d) ..                       | 361.2                | 1,226.2                     | 1,587.4 | 78.9   | 70.4  | 201.4     | 270.3   | 947.3     |
| January ..                            | 367.2                | 1,237.7                     | 1,604.9 | 88.1   | 90.9  | 214.3     | 272.1   | 933.8     |
| February ..                           | 372.5                | 1,265.7                     | 1,638.2 | 80.3   | 99.9  | 231.9     | 297.6   | 919.0     |
| March ..                              | 374.9                | 1,291.8                     | 1,666.7 | 74.6   | 102.9   | 240.8     | 320.7   | 909.6     |
| April ..                              | 374.5                | 1,272.5                     | 1,647.0 | 66.2   | 57.4  | 236.7     | 340.3   | 926.7     |
| May ..                                | 379.4                | 1,238.3                     | 1,617.7 | 69.4   | 37.3  | 224.8     | 340.3   | 942.0     |
| June ..                               | 386.8                | 1,228.7                     | 1,615.5 | 71.3   | 27.1  | 219.2     | 340.3   | 948.4     |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |           |   |           |
| July ..                               | 397.6                | 1,205.2                     | 1,602.8 | 74.3   | 29.6  | 212.6     | 340.3   | 956.5     |
| August ..                             | 400.3                | 1,185.6                     | 1,585.9 | 74.5   | 26.9  | 215.6     | 340.3   | 945.1     |
| September ..                          | 403.9                | 1,192.7                     | 1,596.6 | 73.0   | 29.2  | 220.8     | 340.3   | 939.2     |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period.                           | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| 1950-51.. ..                      | 145.1            | 134.9     | 39.0        | 26.8             | 19.3               | 7.4       | 0.4                           | 372.9  |
| 1951-52.. ..                      | 156.6            | 142.3     | 41.5        | 30.8             | 21.8               | 8.9       | 0.5                           | 402.4  |
| 1952-53.. ..                      | 151.9            | 132.0     | 43.8        | 30.1             | 22.1               | 8.8       | 0.6                           | 389.3  |
| 1953-54.. ..                      | 171.7            | 154.9     | 51.0        | 32.8             | 25.4               | 9.9       | 0.8                           | 446.5  |
| 1954-55(b) ..                     | 187.5            | 176.2     | 53.9        | 36.3             | 26.2               | 10.7      | 0.8                           | 491.6  |
| 1955-56.. ..                      | 200.9            | 185.4     | 56.0        | 39.6             | 26.9               | 11.6      | 1.0                           | 521.4  |
| 1956-57.. ..                      | 219.4            | 195.5     | 62.7        | 42.7             | 28.6               | 12.6      | 1.2                           | 562.7  |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| September ..                      | 193.7            | 169.3     | 56.7        | 36.3             | 25.5               | 10.8      | 1.0                           | 493.3  |
| October ..                        | 202.9            | 183.8     | 57.0        | 37.6             | 25.9               | 11.0      | 1.0                           | 519.2  |
| November ..                       | 216.1            | 196.1     | 57.7        | 41.6             | 27.7               | 11.2      | 1.0                           | 551.4  |
| December ..                       | 214.1            | 205.2     | 59.6        | 42.6             | 28.8               | 11.8      | 1.0                           | 563.1  |
| January ..                        | 183.9            | 172.2     | 52.9        | 39.3             | 30.0               | 10.4      | 1.1                           | 489.8  |
| February ..                       | 187.1            | 184.0     | 50.9        | 39.8             | 27.8               | 10.9      | 1.0                           | 501.5  |
| March ..                          | 199.7            | 191.1     | 54.5        | 41.4             | 26.8               | 12.2      | 1.2                           | 526.9  |
| April ..                          | 201.2            | 190.2     | 52.0        | 38.4             | 27.0               | 12.6      | 1.0                           | 522.4  |
| May ..                            | 218.0            | 199.2     | 58.3        | 43.1             | 28.2               | 13.5      | 1.1                           | 561.4  |
| June ..                           | 203.8            | 181.0     | 60.9        | 40.4             | 25.4               | 12.7      | 1.1                           | 525.3  |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| July ..                           | 214.6            | 185.0     | 61.9        | 40.5             | 26.4               | 12.3      | 1.0                           | 541.7  |
| August ..                         | 189.0            | 165.1     | 55.5        | 35.5             | 24.9               | 11.1      | 1.0                           | 482.1  |
| September ..                      | 201.0            | 183.5     | 59.3        | 39.9             | 29.3               | 12.0      | 1.1                           | 526.1  |
| October ..                        | 221.8            | 192.3     | 63.3        | 42.0             | 29.2               | 12.4      | 1.2                           | 562.2  |
| November ..                       | 226.1            | 194.2     | 65.5        | 42.8             | 29.2               | 12.4      | 1.0                           | 571.2  |
| December ..                       | 231.7            | 202.8     | 65.2        | 45.5             | 28.9               | 14.3      | 1.2                           | 589.6  |
| January ..                        | 202.3            | 188.0     | 60.4        | 38.2             | 30.0               | 10.7      | 1.4                           | 531.0  |
| February ..                       | 224.7            | 206.2     | 66.2        | 48.7             | 30.7               | 13.0      | 1.2                           | 590.7  |
| March ..                          | 233.5            | 207.1     | 63.6        | 46.5             | 30.5               | 14.4      | 1.5                           | 597.1  |
| April ..                          | 232.2            | 210.4     | 63.8        | 46.0             | 27.4               | 12.8      | 1.3                           | 593.9  |
| May ..                            | 229.8            | 214.6     | 64.2        | 44.9             | 29.0               | 13.3      | 1.4                           | 597.2  |
| June ..                           | 234.5            | 201.7     | 65.9        | 44.3             | 27.6               | 13.4      | 1.4                           | 588.8  |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| July ..                           | 235.9            | 204.5     | 70.9        | 46.5             | 28.5               | 12.8      | 1.6                           | 600.7  |
| August ..                         | 205.8            | 184.0     | 60.2        | 38.7             | 26.3               | 11.2      | 1.3                           | 527.5  |
| September ..                      | 227.4            | 196.6     | 67.3        | 43.1             | 29.6               | 11.8      | 1.2                           | 577.0  |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
|            | New South Wales.                     | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0                                 | 75.7      | 27.3        | 26.5             | 11.8               | 7.2       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 230.9      |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0                                 | 78.9      | 28.2        | 27.2             | 12.0               | 7.7       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 240.4      |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5                                 | 80.5      | 29.0        | 27.4             | 12.4               | 8.4       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 245.6      |
| 1950-51 .. | 284.5                                | 281.8     | 98.8        | 97.8             | 44.7               | 27.1      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 837.4      |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7       | 103.7            | 47.2               | 30.1      | 1.1                 | 1.8                           | 891.9      |
| 1952-53 .. | 319.1                                | 320.0     | 109.4       | 113.9            | 49.8               | 32.1      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | 947.5      |
| 1953-54 .. | 339.8                                | 339.8     | 117.4       | 122.9            | 52.6               | 34.0      | 1.3                 | 2.3                           | 1,010.1    |
| 1954-55 .. | 358.6                                | 364.8     | 124.8       | 131.7            | 53.6               | 35.8      | 1.5                 | 2.6                           | 1,073.4    |
| 1955-56 .. | 386.6                                | 386.2     | 132.7       | 135.7            | 57.9               | 37.2      | 1.7                 | 3.0                           | 1,141.0    |
| 1956-57 .. | 422.2                                | 411.6     | 144.6       | 142.4            | 62.7               | 38.7      | 1.9                 | 3.3                           | 1,227.4    |
| 1955-56—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| September  | 359.5                                | 368.9     | 126.5       | 132.9            | 54.6               | 36.7      | 1.6                 | 2.7                           | 1,083.4    |
| October    | 362.3                                | 370.1     | 127.6       | 133.6            | 54.9               | 36.8      | 1.5                 | 2.7                           | 1,089.5    |
| November   | 361.8                                | 371.1     | 127.7       | 132.9            | 54.7               | 36.5      | 1.5                 | 2.7                           | 1,088.9    |
| December   | 364.1                                | 371.4     | 128.1       | 132.8            | 54.4               | 36.4      | 1.5                 | 2.7                           | 1,091.4    |
| January    | 367.3                                | 371.5     | 127.9       | 132.7            | 54.7               | 36.3      | 1.5                 | 2.8                           | 1,094.7    |
| February   | 371.2                                | 373.5     | 128.2       | 132.9            | 55.0               | 36.6      | 1.5                 | 2.8                           | 1,101.7    |
| March      | 374.3                                | 375.3     | 129.1       | 133.1            | 55.4               | 36.5      | 1.6                 | 2.8                           | 1,108.1    |
| April ..   | 375.5                                | 375.8     | 128.9       | 132.9            | 55.8               | 36.7      | 1.6                 | 2.9                           | 1,110.1    |
| May ..     | 376.6                                | 376.9     | 128.8       | 132.3            | 56.1               | 36.6      | 1.6                 | 3.0                           | 1,111.9    |
| June ..    | 386.6                                | 386.2     | 132.7       | 135.7            | 57.9               | 37.2      | 1.7                 | 3.0                           | a 1,141.0  |
| 1956-57—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| July ..    | 390.2                                | 388.3     | 134.1       | 136.7            | 58.6               | 37.6      | 1.7                 | 3.0                           | 1,150.2    |
| August     | 394.6                                | 392.7     | 135.9       | 137.2            | 59.6               | 38.3      | 1.8                 | 3.0                           | 1,163.1    |
| September  | 399.5                                | 396.3     | 137.9       | 137.7            | 60.5               | 38.5      | 1.8                 | 3.1                           | 1,175.3    |
| October    | 403.1                                | 398.9     | 139.4       | 138.2            | 61.0               | 38.5      | 1.8                 | 3.1                           | 1,184.0    |
| November   | 405.4                                | 401.6     | 140.5       | 138.6            | 61.4               | 38.4      | 1.8                 | 3.2                           | 1,190.9    |
| December   | 406.0                                | 400.4     | 140.8       | 137.6            | 61.1               | 38.2      | 1.7                 | 3.1                           | 1,188.9    |
| January    | 408.0                                | 400.4     | 140.1       | 137.6            | 61.0               | 38.3      | 1.8                 | 3.1                           | 1,190.3    |
| February   | 411.9                                | 402.7     | 140.6       | 138.8            | 61.2               | 38.6      | 1.8                 | 3.1                           | 1,198.7    |
| March      | 412.3                                | 402.2     | 140.4       | 138.5            | 61.1               | 38.5      | 1.8                 | 3.2                           | 1,198.0    |
| April ..   | 411.2                                | 400.6     | 140.4       | 138.3            | 61.0               | 38.4      | 1.8                 | 3.2                           | 1,194.9    |
| May ..     | 413.1                                | 402.8     | 141.3       | 138.7            | 61.3               | 38.5      | 1.8                 | 3.3                           | 1,200.8    |
| June ..    | 422.2                                | 411.6     | 144.6       | 142.4            | 62.7               | 38.7      | 1.9                 | 3.3                           | a 1,227.4  |
| 1957-58—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| July ..    | 424.9                                | 412.9     | 146.5       | 143.2            | 63.0               | 39.2      | 2.0                 | 3.4                           | 1,235.1    |
| August     | 429.1                                | 416.9     | 148.7       | 143.9            | 63.8               | 39.9      | 2.0                 | 3.4                           | 1,247.7    |
| September  | 430.9                                | 418.0     | 150.1       | 144.2            | 64.1               | 39.8      | 2.1                 | 3.5                           | 1,252.7    |

(a) Interest added 1955-56, £23.3m.; 1956-57, £29.1m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.



# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period.                 | New Policies Issued (b) |              |                        |              | Premiums.(c)         |                        | Claims, etc., Paid.(d) |                        | New Loans Granted. (e) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                         | Ordinary Department.    |              | Industrial Department. |              | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department.   | Industrial Department. |                        |
|                         | Number.                 | Sum Assured. | Number.                | Sum Assured. |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                         |                         | £'000.       |                        | £'000.       | £'000.               | £'000.                 | £'000.                 | £'000.                 | £'000.                 |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| 1937 .. ..              | 12,296                  | 4,120        | 36,148                 | 1,684        | 1,045                | 474                    | 747                    | 223                    | n.a.                   |
| 1938 .. ..              | 11,470                  | 3,867        | 32,757                 | 1,530        | 1,075                | 617                    | 781                    | 246                    | n.a.                   |
| 1939 .. ..              | 11,293                  | 3,886        | 32,125                 | 1,545        | 1,144                | 541                    | 835                    | 303                    | n.a.                   |
|                         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 21,642                  | 15,206       | 22,713                 | 2,423        | 3,210                | 1,043                  | 1,310                  | 491                    | 3,893                  |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 23,607                  | 18,464       | 23,216                 | 2,817        | 3,651                | 1,102                  | 1,441                  | 546                    | 3,963                  |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 23,643                  | 18,828       | 22,853                 | 2,946        | 4,186                | 1,147                  | 1,576                  | 619                    | 3,011                  |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 23,709                  | 21,177       | 19,964                 | 2,714        | 4,679                | 1,172                  | 1,763                  | 670                    | 2,872                  |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 23,505                  | 24,365       | 18,415                 | 2,734        | 5,175                | 1,218                  | 1,983                  | 738                    | 4,319                  |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 24,796                  | 27,893       | 17,551                 | 2,721        | 5,785                | 1,228                  | 2,263                  | 793                    | 4,744                  |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 24,328                  | 32,683       | 17,526                 | 2,761        | 6,454                | 1,248                  | 2,470                  | 841                    | 4,992                  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| 1955-56—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| August .. ..            | 28,314                  | 30,682       | 21,003                 | 3,316        | 5,702                | 1,182                  | 2,322                  | 864                    | 5,217                  |
| September ..            | 35,366                  | 36,605       | 22,065                 | 3,476        | 6,072                | 1,272                  | 2,415                  | 814                    | 5,191                  |
| October .. ..           | 20,584                  | 22,642       | 19,056                 | 2,887        | 5,192                | 1,262                  | 2,020                  | 821                    | 4,447                  |
| November .. .           | 25,697                  | 26,896       | 18,249                 | 2,846        | 5,352                | 1,284                  | 2,177                  | 784                    | 6,011                  |
| December .. .           | 27,944                  | 45,467       | 17,075                 | 2,864        | 6,340                | 1,558                  | 2,584                  | 706                    | 5,473                  |
| January .. .            | 13,527                  | 14,085       | 3,568                  | 507          | 4,786                | 641                    | 1,619                  | 595                    | 3,518                  |
| February .. .           | 20,759                  | 20,434       | 16,586                 | 2,495        | 4,990                | 1,229                  | 2,250                  | 769                    | 4,376                  |
| March .. .              | 24,048                  | 24,706       | 19,946                 | 3,059        | 5,440                | 1,296                  | 2,196                  | 840                    | 5,044                  |
| April .. .              | 22,109                  | 22,613       | 18,158                 | 2,736        | 5,886                | 1,225                  | 2,072                  | 737                    | 3,935                  |
| May .. .                | 24,309                  | 30,292       | 18,499                 | 2,870        | 6,686                | 1,280                  | 2,484                  | 884                    | 4,292                  |
| June .. .               | 25,121                  | 28,997       | 19,019                 | 2,952        | 7,168                | 1,324                  | 2,596                  | 855                    | 5,338                  |
|                         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| 1956-57—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| July .. ..              | 24,612                  | 31,567       | 20,260                 | 3,211        | 6,846                | 1,203                  | 2,674                  | 912                    | 5,796                  |
| August .. ..            | 26,391                  | 31,273       | 20,595                 | 3,233        | 6,257                | 1,284                  | 2,627                  | 953                    | 4,724                  |
| September ..            | 32,415                  | 38,409       | 24,957                 | 3,897        | 6,371                | 1,242                  | 2,432                  | 840                    | 4,746                  |
| October .. .            | 22,802                  | 30,266       | 16,139                 | 2,484        | 6,223                | 1,265                  | 2,651                  | 907                    | 4,517                  |
| November .. .           | 25,701                  | 32,053       | 18,673                 | 2,974        | 6,006                | 1,429                  | 2,381                  | 852                    | 5,931                  |
| December .. .           | 27,565                  | 54,543       | 14,746                 | 2,557        | 6,209                | 1,480                  | 2,343                  | 669                    | 5,643                  |
| January .. .            | 13,445                  | 17,087       | 5,383                  | 801          | 5,734                | 756                    | 2,118                  | 644                    | 3,400                  |
| February .. .           | 19,066                  | 26,103       | 16,373                 | 2,523        | 5,780                | 1,235                  | 2,328                  | 775                    | 3,609                  |
| March .. .              | 25,291                  | 31,747       | 18,375                 | 2,866        | 6,282                | 1,245                  | 2,606                  | 858                    | 5,698                  |
| April .. .              | 21,986                  | 27,805       | 18,850                 | 2,936        | 6,450                | 1,254                  | 2,389                  | 832                    | 5,085                  |
| May .. .                | 25,644                  | 34,790       | 17,023                 | 2,653        | 7,323                | 1,274                  | 2,665                  | 963                    | 5,525                  |
| June .. .               | 27,024                  | 36,554       | 18,934                 | 3,003        | 7,971                | 1,306                  | 2,427                  | 887                    | 5,231                  |
|                         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| 1957-58—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| July .. ..              | 28,518                  | 46,239       | 19,963                 | 3,239        | 7,997                | 1,305                  | 2,954                  | 1,089                  | 5,030                  |
| August .. ..            | 28,179                  | 37,205       | 21,061                 | 3,345        | 6,922                | 1,271                  | 2,931                  | 1,113                  | 4,504                  |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.  
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period.      | Exchange Rates.(a)      |                        |                           | Gold Prices.(a)  |                    | Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. |                         | Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
|              | Australia on London.(b) | London on New York.(b) | Australia on New York.(c) | Australia.       | London.            | Short Dated 2 years.(d)   | Long Dated 12 years.(d) |  |
|              | £A. per £100 Stg.       | \$ per £Stg.           | \$ per £A.                | £A. per fine oz. | £Stg. per fine oz. | Per cent.   | Per cent.               | Per cent. (e)  |
| 1936-37 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.939                  | 3.929                     | 8.781            | 7.041              | (f) 3.57  | (g) 3.94                | (h) 5.3  |
| 1937-38 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.980                  | 3.961                     | 8.690            | 7.001              | (f) 3.30  | (g) 3.71                | (h) 5.3  |
| 1938-39 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.738                  | 3.759                     | 9.137            | 7.340              | (f) 3.67  | (g) 3.84                | (i) 5.4  |
| 1950-51 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400             | 1.99  | 3.21                    | (i) 4.4  |
| 1951-52 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.796                  | 2.224                     | 15.492           | 12.400             | 2.05  | 3.95                    | 4.4  |
| 1952-53 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.804                  | 2.231                     | 15.492           | 12.400             | 3.03  | 4.54                    | 4.7  |
| 1953-54 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.813                  | 2.238                     | 15.514           | 12.411             | 3.10  | 4.44                    | 4.9  |
| 1954-55 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.797                  | 2.226                     | 15.625           | 12.536             | 3.49  | 4.50                    | 5.2  |
| 1955-56 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.795                  | 2.228                     | 15.625           | 12.496             | 4.39  | 4.76                    | 5.8  |
| 1956-57 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.789                  | 2.220                     | 15.625           | 12.532             | 4.71  | 5.06                    | 6.5  |
| 1955-56—     |                         |                        |                           |                  |                    |   |                         | (i) (j)  |
| September .. | 125.25                  | 2.786                  | 2.217                     | 15.625           | 12.556             | 4.23  | 4.51                    | 5.5  |
| October ..   | 125.25                  | 2.739                  | 2.222                     | 15.625           | 12.528             | 3.96  | 4.53                    | 5.6  |
| November ..  | 125.25                  | 2.802                  | 2.230                     | 15.625           | 12.477             | 4.07  | 4.52                    | 5.6  |
| December ..  | 125.25                  | 2.803                  | 2.230                     | 15.625           | 12.478             | 4.19  | 4.53                    | 5.7  |
| January ..   | 125.25                  | 2.807                  | 2.234                     | 15.625           | 12.465             | 4.13  | 4.54                    | 5.8  |
| February ..  | 125.25                  | 2.807                  | 2.233                     | 15.625           | 12.466             | 4.26  | 4.57                    | 5.8  |
| March ..     | 125.25                  | 2.805                  | 2.233                     | 15.625           | 12.472             | 4.68  | 5.12                    | 5.9  |
| April ..     | 125.25                  | 2.808                  | 2.234                     | 15.625           | 12.460             | 4.97  | 5.18                    | 5.9  |
| May ..       | 125.25                  | 2.808                  | 2.234                     | 15.625           | 12.461             | 5.02  | 5.19                    | 6.0  |
| June ..      | 125.25                  | 2.802                  | 2.230                     | 15.625           | 12.437             | 5.13  | 5.34                    | 6.1  |
| 1956-57—     |                         |                        |                           |                  |                    |   |                         |  |
| July ..      | 125.25                  | 2.794                  | 2.224                     | 15.625           | 12.528             | 4.68  | 5.15                    | 6.2  |
| August ..    | 125.25                  | 2.783                  | 2.215                     | 15.625           | 12.581             | 4.70  | 5.05                    | 6.3  |
| September .. | 125.25                  | 2.783                  | 2.215                     | 15.625           | 12.579             | 4.99  | 5.04                    | 6.4  |
| October ..   | 125.25                  | 2.785                  | 2.216                     | 15.625           | 12.575             | 4.68  | 5.05                    | 6.5  |
| November ..  | 125.25                  | 2.783                  | 2.214                     | 15.625           | 12.569             | 4.60  | 5.07                    | 6.6  |
| December ..  | 125.25                  | 2.785                  | 2.216                     | 15.625           | 12.532             | 4.69  | 5.09                    | 6.6  |
| January ..   | 125.25                  | 2.796                  | 2.225                     | 15.625           | 12.479             | 4.68  | 5.04                    | 6.6  |
| February ..  | 125.25                  | 2.798                  | 2.227                     | 15.625           | 12.469             | 4.70  | 5.05                    | 6.6  |
| March ..     | 125.25                  | 2.793                  | 2.223                     | 15.625           | 12.499             | 4.70  | 5.03                    | 6.6  |
| April ..     | 125.25                  | 2.789                  | 2.219                     | 15.625           | 12.520             | 4.77  | 5.06                    | 6.6  |
| May ..       | 125.25                  | 2.791                  | 2.221                     | 15.625           | 12.516             | 4.70  | 5.05                    | 6.7  |
| June ..      | 125.25                  | 2.790                  | 2.221                     | 15.625           | 12.539             | 4.62  | 5.04                    | 6.7  |
| 1957-58—     |                         |                        |                           |                  |                    |   |                         |  |
| July ..      | 125.25                  | 2.788                  | 2.219                     | 15.625           | 12.551             | 4.48  | 5.02                    | 6.8  |
| August ..    | 125.25                  | 2.783                  | 2.215                     | 15.625           | 12.565             | 4.51  | 5.01                    | 6.9  |
| September .. | 125.25                  | 2.785                  | 2.216                     | 15.625           | 12.552             | 4.44  | 4.98                    | 6.9  |

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

# INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

| Date of Change in Rate. | Trading Banks—  |           |            |            |                                |                        | Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate). | Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). | Common-wealth Loans (Long Term). |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                         | Fixed Deposits— |           |            |            | Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).     |                        |   |                                 |                                  |
|                         | 3 months.       | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a) | Private Trading Banks. |   |                                 |                                  |
| 1940—1st March ..       | 1.75            | 2.25      | 2.50       | 2.75       | 4.25                           | } (b) {                | 2.00  | 1.75                            | 3.625                            |
| 28th May ..             | 1.50            | 2.00      | 2.25       | 2.50       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00  | 1.50                            | 3.250                            |
| 1941—22nd Sept. ..      | 1.50            | 1.75      | 2.00       | 2.25       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00  | 1.50                            | 3.250                            |
| 1942—14th March ..      | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.25                           |                        | 5.00  | 1.50                            | 3.250                            |
| 1943—1st May ..         | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.25                           | 5.00                   | 2.00  | 1.25                            | 3.250                            |
| 1944—17th January ..    | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | 2.00       | 4.25                           | 5.00                   | 2.00  | 1.25                            | 3.250                            |
| 11th August ..          | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00  | 1.25                            | 3.250                            |
| 1945—1st March ..       | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00  | 1.00                            | 3.250                            |
| 1st December            | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00  | 1.00                            | 3.250                            |
| 1946—20th November      | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00  | 1.00                            | 3.125                            |
| 1947—1st January ..     | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00  | 1.00                            | 3.125                            |
| 1949—1st May ..         | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00  | 0.75                            | 3.125                            |
| 1951—21st August ..     | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00  | 0.75                            | 3.750                            |
| 1952—29th July ..       | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | (d)1.75    | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.25  | 1.00                            | 3.750                            |
| 25th November           | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | (d)1.75    | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.25  | 1.00                            | 4.500                            |
| 1955—1st January ..     | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.50  | 1.00                            | 4.500                            |
| 1956—15th March ..      | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.50  | 1.00                            | 4.500                            |
| 1st April ..            | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | (e) 6.00                       | (e) 6.00               | 2.75  | 1.00                            | 4.500                            |
| 10th May ..             | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | (e) 6.00                       | (e) 6.00               | 2.75  | 1.00                            | 5.000                            |
| 4th December            | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.50       | (e) 6.00                       | (e) 6.00               | 2.75  | 1.00                            | 5.000                            |

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

(b) Rates for Private Trading

Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent.

(c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(e) Average rate on all

advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

| Date.         | Common-wealth. | States. | Total.  | Date.         | Common-wealth. | States. | Total.  |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 30th June—    |                |         |         | 1955-56—      |                |         |         |
| 1937 ..       | ..             | 46,408  | 46,408  | 31st May ..   | 180,000        | 3,900   | 183,900 |
| 1938 ..       | ..             | 46,598  | 46,598  | 30th June ..  | 165,000        | ..      | 165,000 |
| 1939 ..       | ..             | 50,228  | 50,228  | 1956-57—      |                |         |         |
| 1950 ..       | 108,280        | ..      | 108,280 | 31st July ..  | 155,000        | 2,250   | 157,250 |
| 1951 ..       | 108,280        | 2,400   | 110,680 | 31st August   | 190,000        | 3,000   | 193,000 |
| 1952 ..       | 153,280        | ..      | 153,280 | 30th Sept. .. | 210,000        | 3,000   | 213,000 |
| 1953 ..       | 225,000        | ..      | 225,000 | 31st Oct. ..  | 240,000        | 3,000   | 243,000 |
| 1954 ..       | 190,000        | ..      | 190,000 | 30th Nov. ..  | 255,000        | 11,000  | 266,000 |
| 1955 ..       | 160,000        | ..      | 160,000 | 31st Dec. ..  | 270,000        | 14,000  | 284,000 |
| 1956 ..       | 165,000        | ..      | 165,000 | 31st Jan. ..  | 260,000        | 14,000  | 274,000 |
| 1957 ..       | 150,000        | ..      | 150,000 | 28th Feb. ..  | 270,000        | 14,000  | 284,000 |
| 1955-56—      |                |         |         | 31st Mar. ..  | 260,000        | 12,000  | 272,000 |
| 31st Oct. ..  | 195,000        | 2,900   | 197,900 | 30th April .. | 190,000        | 12,000  | 202,000 |
| 30th Nov. ..  | 210,000        | 5,900   | 215,900 | 31st May ..   | 147,000        | 9,000   | 156,000 |
| 31st Dec. ..  | 255,000        | 7,400   | 262,400 | 30th June ..  | 150,000        | ..      | 150,000 |
| 31st Jan. ..  | 255,000        | 7,400   | 262,400 | 1957-58—      |                |         |         |
| 29th Feb. ..  | 265,000        | 7,400   | 272,400 | 31st July ..  | 139,000        | 3,000   | 142,000 |
| 31st Mar. ..  | 280,000        | 6,400   | 286,400 | 31st August   | 160,000        | 3,000   | 163,000 |
| 30th April .. | 220,000        | 5,900   | 225,900 | 30th Sept. .. | 185,000        | 3,000   | 188,000 |

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

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# COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

## CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

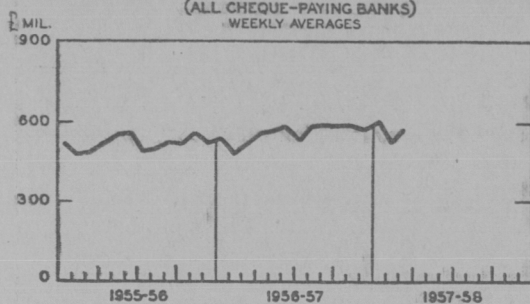
(£ million.)

| Period.               | New South Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six States. | Commonwealth. | Grand Total.(a) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE.              |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
| 1938-39 .. ..         | 51.1                | 27.0      | 19.3        | 12.3             | 11.0               | 3.6       | 124.3       | 95.1          | 209.6           |
| 1951-52 .. ..         | 168.9               | 81.7      | 55.7        | 37.5             | 34.0               | 10.5      | 388.3       | 1,016.8       | 1,256.1         |
| 1952-53 .. ..         | 182.8               | 97.0      | 63.2        | 44.2             | 38.7               | 12.1      | 438.0       | 1,040.1       | 1,305.8         |
| 1953-54 .. ..         | 188.7               | 106.7     | 69.7        | 48.4             | 43.6               | 13.3      | 470.4       | 1,022.8       | 1,314.3         |
| 1954-55 .. ..         | 195.4               | 116.8     | 73.8        | 48.7             | 46.1               | 14.5      | 495.3       | 1,067.4       | 1,378.5         |
| 1955-56 .. ..         | 204.4               | 123.1     | 75.7        | 55.4             | 49.6               | 17.8      | 526.0       | 1,138.4       | 1,466.7         |
| 1956-57 .. ..         | 225.0               | 133.2     | 85.2        | 61.6             | 54.3               | 18.8      | 578.1       | 1,311.8       | 1,674.3         |
| 1957-58 (Estimate) .. | 232.4               | 141.5     | 88.5        | 66.8             | 55.9               |           |             | 1,331.0       |                 |
| 1955-56—              |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
| July .. ..            | 15.0                | 7.4       | 5.3         | 3.3              | 3.5                | 1.0       | 35.5        | 75.8          | 97.9            |
| July—August ..        | 30.3                | 16.0      | 10.9        | 7.3              | 7.1                | 1.9       | 73.5        | 142.4         | 189.1           |
| —September ..         | 45.4                | 24.4      | 17.4        | 11.0             | 10.7               | 3.5       | 112.4       | 208.9         | 280.9           |
| 1956-57—              |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
| July .. ..            | 15.6                | 7.8       | 5.6         | 4.1              | 3.9                | 1.1       | 38.1        | 74.3          | 97.3            |
| July—August ..        | 31.4                | 16.3      | 11.7        | 8.2              | 8.1                | 2.2       | 77.9        | 145.1         | 192.7           |
| —September ..         | 47.6                | 24.8      | 17.9        | 12.2             | 12.2               | 4.1       | 118.8       | 212.4         | 285.8           |
| 1957-58—              |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
| July .. ..            | 17.2                | 9.6       | 6.4         | 5.3              | 4.0                | 1.1       | 43.6        | 80.7          | 108.1           |
| July—August ..        | 33.7                | 18.8      | 12.9        | 9.8              | 8.2                | 2.2       | 85.6        | 150.8         | 204.0           |
| —September ..         | 50.4                | 28.0      | 19.7        | 14.5             | 12.3               | 4.2       | 129.1       | 221.3         | 302.0           |
| EXPENDITURE.          |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
|                       |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
| 1938-39 .. ..         | 53.6                | 27.8      | 19.3        | 12.7             | 11.2               | 3.6       | 128.2       | 95.1          | 213.5           |
| 1951-52 .. ..         | 168.8               | 84.1      | 55.7        | 37.5             | 34.5               | 10.9      | 391.5       | 1,016.8       | 1,259.3         |
| 1952-53 .. ..         | 182.7               | 97.4      | 63.0        | 44.2             | 39.2               | 11.8      | 438.3       | 1,040.1       | 1,306.1         |
| 1953-54 .. ..         | 188.6               | 106.0     | 69.3        | 46.6             | 43.7               | 13.3      | 467.5       | 1,022.8       | 1,311.4         |
| 1954-55 .. ..         | 197.6               | 115.5     | 73.6        | 50.9             | 46.6               | 14.7      | 498.9       | 1,067.4       | 1,382.1         |
| 1955-56 .. ..         | 211.2               | 126.4     | 77.4        | 56.8             | 51.4               | 17.7      | 540.9       | 1,138.4       | 1,481.6         |
| 1956-57 .. ..         | 224.9               | 137.6     | 85.2        | 61.6             | 56.2               | 19.6      | 585.1       | 1,311.8       | 1,681.3         |
| 1957-58 (Estimate) .. | 232.3               | 145.0     | 90.0        | 67.3             | 58.6               |           |             | 1,331.0       |                 |
| 1955-56—              |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
| July .. ..            | 12.1                | 8.6       | 5.5         | 4.3              | 3.9                | 0.8       | 35.2        | 76.0          | 97.8            |
| July—August ..        | 28.5                | 18.1      | 12.3        | 8.9              | 8.1                | 2.2       | 78.1        | 151.4         | 202.6           |
| —September ..         | 45.9                | 28.0      | 18.0        | 13.4             | 12.3               | 3.9       | 121.5       | 245.0         | 326.2           |
| 1956-57—              |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
| July .. ..            | 14.0                | 8.7       | 6.8         | 4.4              | 4.4                | 0.9       | 39.2        | 77.0          | 101.1           |
| July—August ..        | 32.0                | 18.9      | 13.9        | 9.5              | 9.6                | 2.5       | 86.4        | 179.2         | 235.3           |
| —September ..         | 49.4                | 29.6      | 20.2        | 14.1             | 14.0               | 4.3       | 131.6       | 262.8         | 349.0           |
| 1957-58—              |                     |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |               |                 |
| July .. ..            | 13.4                | 9.8       | 7.0         | 4.8              | 4.6                | 1.1       | 40.7        | 87.3          | 111.8           |
| July—August ..        | 33.5                | 21.5      | 14.2        | 9.9              | 9.6                | 2.7       | 91.4        | 181.6         | 240.6           |
| —September ..         | 49.5                | 31.5      | 21.0        | 14.9             | 14.2               | 4.8       | 135.9       | 272.1         | 359.1           |

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of payroll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated. (b) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications.

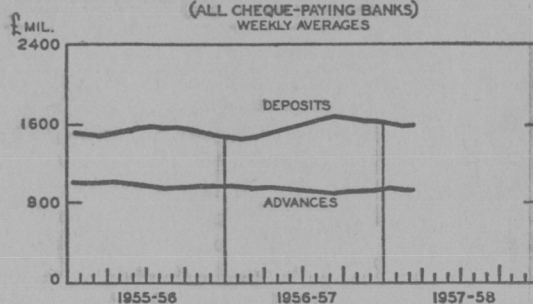
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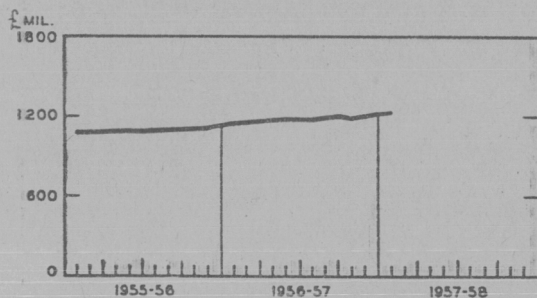


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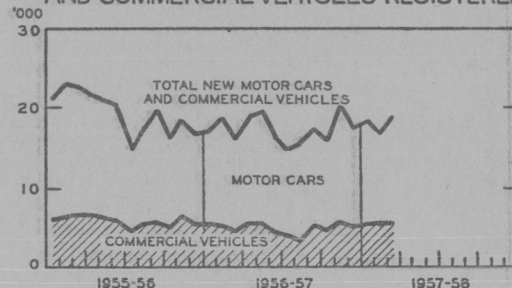
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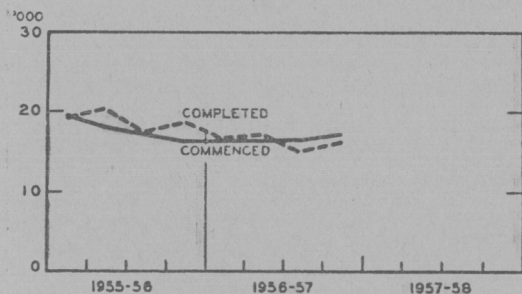
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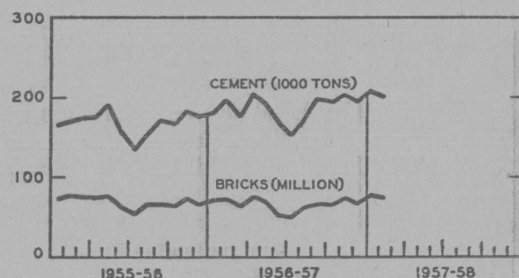
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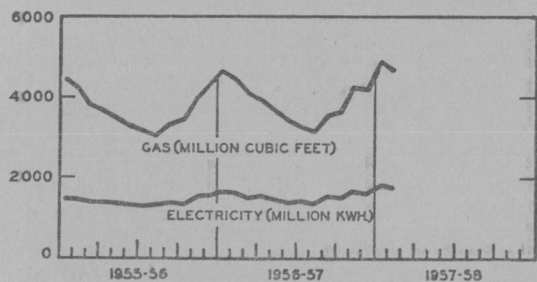
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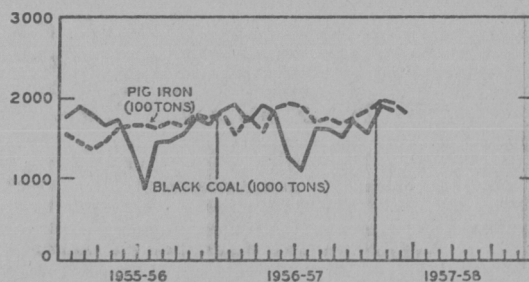
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